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Up front

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I can't believe how fast this year is flying by. I've long held the non-scientific theory that as we get older, time gets faster. As I said not particularly scientific, and as we all know, time seemed to stand still during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

Where I live in Sydney, there's an early morning chill in the air and the red and gold trees in all their magnificent colour have started to disappear, suggesting that autumn is almost over. Do I hear diesel engines firing up and motorhomes being serviced as travellers in the country's southern areas prepare for their winter trek north?

How are your winter preparations going? For those heading north, I'm sure vehicle cleaning, servicing and packing have made for a busy time. Alternatively, if you consider laying up your motorhome for winter, there certainly are a few tasks to complete. Everything from giving your pride and joy a general cleanout to ensuring the batteries are kept up to charge during storage. In this issue, there's a very helpful article on RV maintenance and storage which covers a number of the relevant issues in detail.

That said, there's a good argument for travelling in the southern states during winter. I speak from experience in this matter, having been to New Zealand quite a few times to enjoy a winter motorhome holiday. Most RVs are well insulated these days, and diesel or LPG-fired heaters work very well. I particularly like the manufacturers who incorporate a water and space heater into a single component. A great space-saving idea.

Next month the Queensland Caravan and Camping Supershow is on the agenda. It's one of my favourites, the Queenslanders doing something a little different to their southern neighbours. As at any of the big city caravan shows, it's always a good snapshot of the latest and greatest in the world of caravans and motorhomes. There's always plenty happening in the component and accessories department as well, as there have been considerable developments in electrical systems over the last few years. Naturally, the CMCA will have a stand there with some good advice, and it's always good to catch up with members passing by.

A show can be a mind-boggling arena of products, but it's also a great place to do plenty of research. I suggest that anyone considering a motorhome or caravan purchase and unfamiliar with the industry spend two days at the show. Use day one as a general look and the second day to focus on the items of interest.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, whether preparing to head north or servicing the diesel heater for staying south, travel safely.

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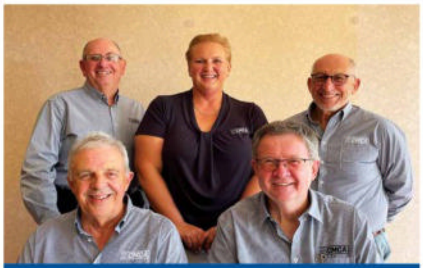

Above: The CMCA Board, Bill Daws N101403, Kim Templeton V66245, Vince Calleja W48104, Nelson Crawshaw N98597 and Paul Scully Q37099

Under the Club's Constitution, I will stand down from my role as Chairman and from the Board itself at the conclusion of October's AGM. While I have enjoyed my time, a new director will need to be elected and, therefore, I want to give members a better insight into the life of a CMCA Director.

Being a director means you must act solely in the Club's best interest and its future success. Directors must act in the best interests of all members as a whole. They cannot act with personal preferences in mind, nor under the advice or influence of another or for the benefit of a particular group of members.

Effectively, we have a split persona. As members, we make decisions that best suit ourselves. As directors, in board meetings or representing the Club; we leave individual opinions/preferences at the door. We only act in the interests of the Club and members as a whole. At times, this may conflict with personal preferences, but that is what we, as directors, must do.

- What does it take to be a CMCA Director? In time, an average of 10 hours per week. Commitment to the role involves reading documents and responding to emails, attending meetings and acting in the best interests of the Club. Being reasonable and open to evaluation of alternatives. Knowledge of the split between the roles of the Board (strategy) and that of the CEO (operational) is also vital.
- Required skills? It is best to have a wide diversity of skills, experience, age, ethnicity/culture, business/social backgrounds and genders etc on any Board. The individual skills and experience needed amongst the Board as a whole includes accounting, IT, marketing, tourism, legal and management etc. New directors are provided training to prepare them for the role.
- A Board must work and decide on matters collectively. All five CMCA Directors have equal voting power. If the situation of equal votes on a matter arises, the Chairman has the casting vote. This may arise when one Director is absent (or abstains from voting for a reason) and the remaining four are split.
- Responsibilities and liabilities come in various forms – the Constitution, federal and state legislation (for example, health safety and discrimination) and common law duties to act with loyalty and good faith, care and diligence, without conflict of interest and preventing insolvent trading. CMCA holds insurance to protect directors from some liability, but at times, personal and criminal liability cannot be mitigated.
- Why do it? Because of interest, passion, dedication and/or love for the Club – just like all volunteers. CMCA Directors and the Chairman are volunteers – no remuneration is paid. Reimbursement of expenses, such as authorised travel etc, is however made.

Thinking of maybe taking the next step as Chairman? Then all of the above still applies, but you can increase the time required to at least 15-20 hours per week and you will have a daily working relationship with the CEO. Further training is provided.

All Ordinary and Honorary Life Members are eligible to both nominate for office (unless ineligible under any Constitutional clause) and vote in the election ballot.

An information pack on nominating can be obtained by contacting enquiries@cmca.au or phoning 02 4978 8788. Nominations and the Board of Director Election are handled by our independent Returning Officer, Michelle Wilson, via elections.cmca@gmail.com.

Voting this year can again be completed via post, email or online. More details about voting will be distributed in due course.

CEO Richard Barwick and I are willing to talk to anyone about the role of a director by phone or email.

I encourage all eligible members to consider applying.

Enjoy and Safe Travels
Kim Templeton, CMCA Chairman and Directors Nelson Crawshaw, Bill Daws, Paul Scully and Vince Calleja.

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I would like to advise members that on pages 18-19, we have included details on nominating and voting for this year's Board of Directors Election – where there is one position available.

All the details including information on nominating and voting are clearly outlined. The Club's Returning Officer has been appointed. Michelle Wilson, who has conducted the election for the past four years when required, can be contacted for any enquiries via email at elections.cmca@gmail.com.

If anyone wishes to learn more about the role of a Director, you can contact any of the sitting Directors via email (their contact details are listed on page 8) or me directly at richardbarwick@cmca.au If you would like a Board Nomination Pack, please visit the website at https://benefits.cmca.net.au//Content/election.

CLUB CHAPLAIN

As previously advised in the April Newsletter, the Board has made the decision to not continue offering the position of CMCA Chaplain. The circumstances were not about the individual, rather, the significant change in society and potential risk within the role. The Board felt it necessary the Club focus should be towards a professional service, especially when dealing with mental health and wellbeing.

I would like to thank all past Chaplains for their fantastic service to the Club over the years, especially Bob McKennay who has assisted over the last ten years and more recently Royce Thompson.

36TH NATIONAL RALLY – DALBY

I am happy to advise that preparations for this year's National Rally, to be held in the south-western Queensland town Dalby, are going well.

In this edition of *The Wanderer*, on page 80, Rally Manager Judy Forster has given a sneak preview of some of the fantastic tours that will be available throughout the rally. It is expected that the booking system for these tours will go live from 1 July 2023.

We have already sold out of powered sites; however, a wait list has been established. We will also be having an extended generator area for vehicles that require it. Keep an eye out on all our communication mediums to ensure you are informed on the latest developments.

BIG SKIES FESTIVAL – DALBY

If you are in the Dalby region prior to the rally, don't forget that the Big Skies Festival is taking place from 29 September – 2 October 2023. This event is staged by the Western Downs Regional Council, which is putting together a 'stay and enjoy package' for CMCA members to be announced soon. Stay tuned, as event organisers will be rolling out the red carpet for CMCA members with free extended camping offers to be revealed in coming weeks.

CMCA RV PARKS UPDATE

Those northern CMCA RV Parks that close over the hot and wet months should now be open welcoming members and the general public for another fantastic season. Of course, their operation is subject to weather conditions and the availability of custodians. We have found that the warmer weather in the south, mixed with the wet conditions up north, impacted our initial plans of reopening earlier.

At this stage, all CMCA RV Parks including the caravan park at Boyup Brook, WA, should be open and welcoming members. Our park in Geeveston is due to close at the end of this month for winter.

QUEENSLAND CARAVAN & CAMPING SUPERSHOW

If you are around Brisbane from 6–11 June 2023, we will be attending the Queensland Caravan & Camping Supershow and welcome you to drop by. This is one of our most popular events which is held at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

If heading north for the winter months, pencil in the Far North Nomads' Christmas in July rally. This much-loved event will be held at the Mareeba Rugby Leagues Club from 26–31 July 2023. You don't have to book for this event; however, if you require further information, please contact Millie Virtue at millyv@outlook.com.

RETENTION

I would also like to advise members of our retention process and the steps we take when members may have forgotten to renew. We use automated messaging, as well as a membership retention officer. Initially, members will receive two reminder emails in the week leading up to their renewal date. If your membership is not renewed on time, an automated SMS is sent one day after your renewal date. In the lead up and following your renewal date, our membership retention officer will give members a courtesy call – this has been implemented as we often receive feedback about late or delayed payments while travelling. Members will also receive reminder emails when a membership has not been renewed throughout the grace period. Our intent is not to harass members, we just understand how busy life can be and we want to ensure your membership remains valid – particularly for insurance purposes (if applicable). All correspondence from the Club will come from our cmca.au email domain and office phone number – (02) 4978 8788. This process is part of our business practice and a service to the membership. I thank you for your understanding.

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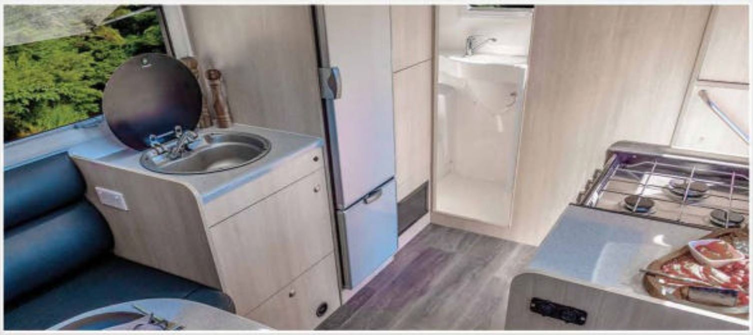

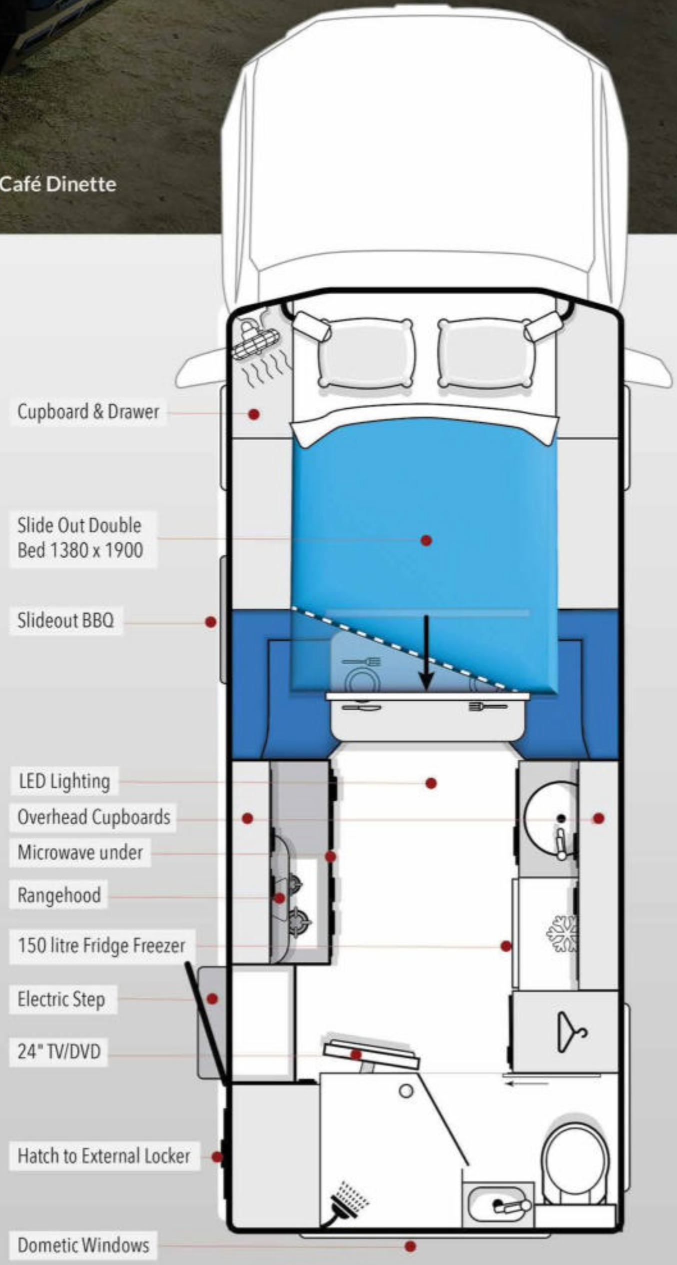
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IDENTIFYING AND PREVENTING STROKES

About 57,000 Australians have a stroke each year, so it is imperative to understand the risk factors.

A stroke occurs when there is a decrease in oxygen to the brain, caused either by a bleed or blockage in the brain's blood supply. There are different forms of strokes including ischemic and hemorrhagic, both of which require emergency medical treatment to help prevent life-threatening ramifications.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, around 57,000 Australians have a stroke each year, so it is imperative you identify and understand the risk factors. Familiarise yourself with the signs and symptoms of a stroke, so you know what to do in case of an emergency.

ISCHEMIC AND HEMORRHAGIC STROKES

Ischemic stroke – occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is interrupted, preventing brain tissue from obtaining necessary oxygen and nutrients.

Hemorrhagic stroke – occurs when blood vessels rupture and bleed into the surrounding brain, causing the surrounding blood tissue to be compressed.

How do you know if someone is having a stroke?

The Stroke Foundation recommends the F.A.S.T test to identify the most common signs of a stroke. If you think someone is suffering a stroke, ask these simple questions:

1. FACE – check their face. Has their face drooped?
2. ARMS – can they lift both arms?
3. SPEECH – has speech become slurred, and can they understand you?
4. TIME – if you identify any of these signs, call 000 straight away. Time is critical.

Remember, a stroke is a medical emergency, and the risk of brain damage is significantly increased the longer the stroke remains untreated.

RISK FACTORS

Many health factors and lifestyle habits can increase your risk of stroke, and many of these can be changed to help prevent a stroke or stroke recurrence.

High blood pressure

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is when the force of flowing blood through blood vessels is consistently too high. This in turn puts pressure on blood vessels throughout the body, including arteries that lead to the brain. The higher your blood pressure is, the greater the risk of having a stroke. Speak to your GP or pharmacist about ways to reduce your blood pressure, as even a small decrease in pressure can significantly improve your health.

High cholesterol

Cholesterol is a fat-like substance made in the liver and found in the blood and all cells of the body. Therefore, high cholesterol occurs when you have too much of the fatty substance in your blood and is primarily caused by fatty foods, inadequate exercise, smoking and drinking alcohol. Chat with your doctor about getting your cholesterol levels checked and methods to reduce your risk of having a stroke.

Diabetes

Diabetes prevents your body from processing food correctly. Your body cannot make insulin or use insulin properly, which causes glucose (sugar) to build up in the blood.

Over time, high glucose levels can damage the body's blood vessels, increasing the chance of a stroke. The Stoke Foundation highlights the importance of keeping your blood sugars within the recommended range. For type 1 diabetes, it is usually recommended you check your blood sugar level four times per day, however, you may need to test more often. For type 2 diabetes, you should talk to your doctor about your blood sugar management. Maintaining a healthy diet and regular exercise will help keep your blood sugars within the recommended range.

Smoking

If you smoke, you are significantly increasing your risk of having a stroke. This is because smoking increases blood pressure and reduces oxygen in the blood. Stickiness of the blood is also increased when you smoke, which increases the risk of blood clots forming in your body. If you have already suffered a stroke and you continue to smoke, your chance of stroke recurrence significantly increases.

STROKE PREVENTION

To manage your stroke risk, take charge of your health and practise living a healthy lifestyle. The simplest steps you can take to reduce your risk of a stroke are:

- Regularly check blood pressure and ensure it is within a healthy range
- Quit smoking
- Keep glucose levels within the normal recommended range
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Regular exercise
- Eat healthy.

For more information on strokes, including signs and symptoms, stroke management and recovery webinars, please see the Stroke Foundation website at www.strokefoundation.org.au.

FLOOD DAMAGE CLOSES KIMBERLEY NATIONAL PARKS

Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park flooding (Image DBCA)

Two of northern Western Australia's most popular national parks will not reopen this year due to flooding, dealing another blow to tourism operators in the Kimberley.

Bandilngan (Windjana Gorge) National Park, 140km north-east of Derby, experienced extensive damage by a record-breaking flood of the Lennard River in January. The entry road, ranger infrastructure and ablutions were damaged in the impact. "We're still waiting for waters to recede, but parts of the walking trail into the gorge have washed away and there's been significant damage to the banks. There's been half a metre of water through the ranger quarters and mud through the buildings," said Craig Olejnik from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

The gorge, which features striking limestone cliffs, is visited by up to 20,000 tourists per year.

The second popular national park to be struck was Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park, near Fitzroy Crossing. This park will also remain closed after the flooding Fitzroy River wreaked havoc through the area, including washing away 37 hectares of the Danggu Park including all its visitor and ranger infrastructure, according to the DBCA.

Both gorges are popular day-trip destinations from Derby, Broome and Fitzroy Crossing, and Kimberley tourism operators had been preparing for a bumper season after three years of pandemic-related cancellations and border closures.

January's monsoonal low dealt the entire region a blow, more than 100 homes were extensively damaged, the Fitzroy River Bridge was broken, and dozens of people remain displaced months after the event.

Other attractions such as Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek) National Park, Purnululu National Park, Bell Gorge and Mitchell Falls are expected to reopen when road conditions allow.

DBCA hopes repairs this year will allow Bandilngan Windjana Gorge to reopen as normal in 2024 while Danggu Geikie Gorge may open later in 2024.

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Quilpie Shire Council has announced the biggest-ever sporting lineup for the region, as its peak tourist season is launched – with month after month of sport with a unique outback twist on offer in 2023.

Kick-starting the season launch for the Quilpie Shire, the township's Visitor Information Centre flew the flag for the region at the national Qantas Australian Tourism Awards on 17 March having taken out gold in the Queensland Tourism Industry Council Queensland Tourism Awards in the Visitor Information Services category in 2022.

Just a few days prior, Quilpeta Night Show took out the Best New Visitor Experience Award at the Outback Queensland Tourism Awards.

On the sporting front, red earth fairways will greet golf enthusiasts when they visit for the Quilpie leg of the Queensland Outback Masters – or just a round of golf at the Quilpie Golf Club – with the course recognised as one of the first and best established in the Queensland outback.

Quilpie Shire has something to lure sports lovers of all persuasions to the region – whether it's during a special event time, school holidays or just on a regular weekday or weekend.

"There's no cramming into sports stadiums out here – all the action of our sporting fun is up close and under wide open skies and there's something for both spectators and participants nearly all year round," said Karen Grimm, Manager Tourism and Economic Development and part of the award-winning Quilpie Visitor Information Centre.

And while sports are taking centre stage this year in Quilpie Shire, it's not just sports lovers who are catered for with the launch of the key tourist season in the Quilpie region. Those seeking a unique cultural experience will also be able to get their fix with opera, art, comedy, archaeology and Indigenous celebrations all on the agenda for Quilpie Shire in 2023.

"We really do offer a well-rounded experience, and we're also renowned as one of the friendliest towns in Queensland. I can't think of anywhere else in Australia that you could be part of a Golf Masters, join the dig for a prehistoric dinosaur, fossick for opals, fish and enjoy world-class opera and comedy in such a beautiful outback setting," added Karen Grimm.

The peak tourist season of temperate warm weather and season activations runs in the Quilpie Shire from April through September 2023; however, travel is encouraged year-round.

For the full schedule of the events, go to www.visitquilpieshire.com/events.

Quilpie is in a spectacular outback setting

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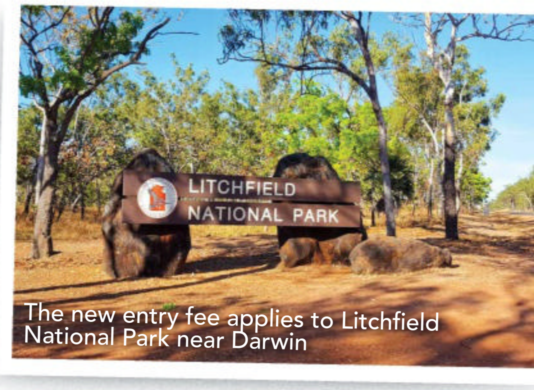

The new entry fee applies to Litchfield National Park near Darwin

As of 3 April 2023, any interstate or international visitors must purchase a park pass before entering up to 50 Northern Territory parks and reserves.

Until this change, the majority of the Northern Territory's national parks and reserves, apart from Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks – which are federally managed – have had free entry for all day visitors.

The day-use fees have been introduced to aid in safeguarding and enhancing the region's natural areas for years to come. Parks and Wildlife executive director Sally Egan said revenue from fees would be invested into the "protection, maintenance and safety of our parks and the creation of new visitor experiences."

Interstate and international visitors must purchase and display a park pass. NT residents are exempt from these fees, but may be required to show proof of residency. Please note, non-local visitors travelling with NT locals must still purchase the pass.

This new rule applies to 50 of the Northern Territory's 85 state-managed parks and reserves, including Litchfield National Park, Nitmiluk and Elsey National Parks, Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Conservation Park and Tjoritja/West MacDonnell National Park.

The price of the park pass will vary depending on how long you will be there, and how many people in your group. A single-day park pass is $10 per adult, $5 for children, or $25 for families.

Purchase the park pass online through the NT Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security's new online booking system, which is also where you can book campsites or walks: https://depws.nt.gov.au/parks-and-wildlife-commission/changes-to-our-parks/online-booking-system.

More information, and the full list of parks can be found on the NT Government website: https://nt.gov.au/parks/park-pass.

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YAGURLI TOURS LAUNCHES FIRST INDIGENOUS-OWNED HOT AIR BALLOON

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Australia's first Indigenous-owned hot air balloon was launched in Canberra in March

Yagurli Tours and Gangalidda and Garawa Services (GGS) have announced the launch of Australia's first 100 per cent Indigenous-owned hot air balloon, in a joint venture with Balloon Aloft.

The hot air balloon was officially launched in Canberra in March, but it was much more for the Gangalidda and Garawa people who also launched a new story for their people, propelled by the authentic self-determination that commercial success can bring.

Their corporation, Gangalidda and Garawa Services (GGS) started Yagurli Tours (Yagurli means "fish") as a fishing charter operation in 2017. The driving motivation for the company was as much about homegrown economic opportunities and local employment, as it was about proudly sharing their culture and Country with the world.

Based in Moungibi (Burketown), Queensland, the company has thrived – despite the tumult of the pandemic – expanding to now offer several tours including Sunset Cruises, Fishing Charters and History and Cultural Tours.

In conjunction with Australia's premier hot air balloon operator Balloon Aloft, Yagurli Tours made history in July 2020 by hosting the first hot air balloon flights over the spectacular Gulf of Carpentaria.

Building on this success, in 2021 and 2022, the innovative company instigated a commercial trial that brought enraptured visitors to the region to soar over the stunning vistas of Australia's largest aggregate of salt pans.

GGS has worked hard to further open the lower Gulf region to the benefits of a thriving and sustainable tourism industry. The organisation is motivated by the belief that coupled with the success of local Indigenous Ranger Programs, owning and operating local eco-tourism ventures provides the best opportunity for them as Traditional Owners to secure economic development that is shaped by sustainable environmental management.

Mangubadijarri Yanner, Chairman of the Gangalidda and Garawa Native Title Aboriginal Corporation said, "Our people have so much to offer in the eco-tourism space and we are excited to share this with as many people as possible from all walks of life – Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike. We hope that the continued successes of Yagurli Tours inspires other neighbouring tribes and language groups within the area to start up their own local tourism ventures."

The balloon will operate from the Hunter Valley for April/May before moving to Moungibi (Burketown), Queensland for the tourism season of June through August.

For further information and bookings go to www.yagurlitours.com.au/tours/hot-air-balloon-flights.

The official launch

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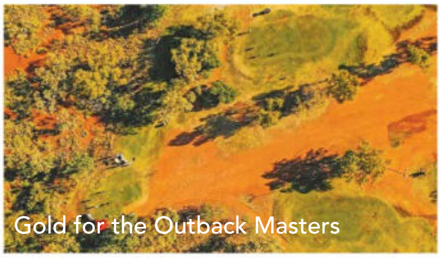
OUTBACK QUEENSLAND MASTERS WINS GOLD


Gold for the Outback Masters

The Outback Queensland Masters (OQM) – a golfing event where players tackle remote courses in a chance to win $1 million – has scored big with a gold win at the 2022 Best Grey Nomad Festival or Event award.

In commenting on the success of the Outback Queensland Masters, the judges said, "There are so many things to love about this annual event series, including that you recognise the natural environment as one of the major strengths of your event experience, and the six towns visited by golfers and spectators changes each year to share the love around."

"And that brings us to another extremely impressive aspect of the Outback Queensland Masters. That is the degree to which the event series has been designed to specifically assist remote communities in need of some TLC. Grey Nomads are looking for authentic experiences that educate them, provide connection and are good value for money. The Outback Queensland Masters delivers that in spades," the judges said.

Coined 'a golfing tournament of a different kind,' the Outback Queensland Masters is Australia's most remote golfing event, designed exclusively for social and amateur golfers with the chance to 'give it a crack' at a Million-Dollar Hole-In-One.

Golf Australia's Queensland and Northern Territory Manager, Luke Bates, said, "We welcome all to join in the competition; and to show no matter your age or background, you can give golf a go. Everyone is welcome to join in on this incredible experience. We are incredibly grateful to the local communities we work with in outback Queensland to make it happen."

The event also took out gold at the Australian Tourism Awards in Sydney last month.

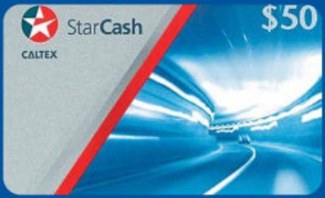
Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) Chair Andrew Martin said the Outback Queensland Masters had grown from strength to strength to become an iconic event on the regional calendar.

The 2023 Outback Queensland Masters will take place from 17 June to 23 July 2023. Limited passes remain at www.outbackqldmasters.com.

IN THE FRAME PHOTO COMPETITION

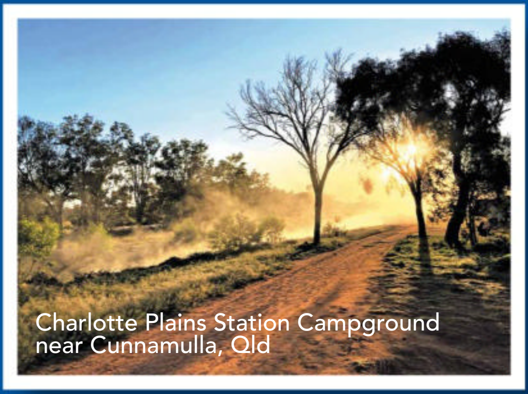
BIG RIGS AND SMALL DIGS

We love the diversity of motorhomes, caravans, campervans and fifth wheelers on our roads. Ranging from big buses to small camper trailers, the options are endless. This month we want you to share your photos of your RVs with the intent to inspire those people looking to take a leap into the lifestyle. Share a pic of your mighty rig for your chance to win!



Members can submit their digital image of at least 1MB as a JPEG file via email to wanderer@cmca.au. Please include your name, CMCA membership number, and where and when the photo was taken.

**By entering this competition, members give CMCA permission to use their image in any promotional or communication channels with appropriate acknowledgement where possible.*


Charlotte Plains Station Campground near Cunnamulla, Qld

March's winner for the In the Frame competition was Marjorie Swinstead Q89633. She received a $50 fuel voucher.

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COMPANY BOARD ELECTION 2023
NOMINATING & VOTING

Nominations are now being called for members to stand for the position of one (1) Director of the Company (Club) and, if more than one nomination is accepted, a ballot will be held. (See also 'View from NHQ' on page 10 of this issue and the following NOTICE TO MEMBERS).

CMCA Ltd, including the CMCA Insurance Scheme, has responsibility for approximately $20 million annually. Eligible Members who vote and who wish to contribute towards the decision-making process of the Club need to know what the responsibilities are in being a Director.

The following is intended to be informative and introductory. It is recommended that nominees access the Australian Institute of Company Directors website at www.aicd.companydirectors.com.au for further information. It is expected new Directors will undertake the full Australian Institute of Company Directors course.

Democratic principles that govern the Company ensure that any Ordinary or Honorary Life Member who is at least 18 years of age and is not disqualified under the Corporations Act may be nominated and stand for election. Ordinary Members of the Company can vote provided they are financial and own a qualifying vehicle. Honorary Life Members may vote also.

Each Director must act in the interests of **all members**. Thus, a Director cannot act to the advantage of one group of members or one particular Chapter or Special Interest Group.

There are three areas of concern to Directors of the Company, namely:

1. Strategic Direction

2. The Club's Constitution

3. The Corporations Act

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Initiating and managing changes to the strategic direction of the Company and overseeing of the administration and member services to ensure they meet and, on an ongoing basis, continue to meet the strategic needs of the Club, the presentation of *The Wanderer*, the Club's Insurance Scheme and making representations to Federal, State and Local municipal authorities. Threats to the future operations of the Company must also be assessed and plans made to protect the short- and long-term interests.

THE COMPANY'S CONSTITUTION

Directors, as a body are responsible for the control and management of 'the affairs of the Company' that is referred to as the Club. The power to do this is contained in section 30 of the Constitution. The 'affairs', summarised from section 3.1 of the Constitution, are:

- Improving conditions for motorised living and encouraging social activities, technical advice, rallies, displays, exhibitions, competitions, lectures and discussions
- Publishing magazines, essays and reports
- Legislation
- Road courtesy
- Merchandising stock to foster campervanning and motorhoming
- Obtaining discounts through collective representation
- Leasing, hiring, mortgaging, charging, investing, purchasing, and entering into agreements
- Obtaining better terms through collective representation in matters pertaining to campervan and motorhome ownership.

While the role of managing is delegated to the management team, the objects of the Club must **be carefully watched by the Board of Directors to make sure that the focus of the Company's activities are directed towards achieving those goals.**

CORPORATIONS LAW

The AICD website mentioned above includes a broad summary of Corporations Act provisions. The exercise of responsibilities of Directors has statutory protection where decisions are taken under a standard of exercising business judgement which requires that:

"…Directors are taken to have met their statutory requirements of care and diligence…if they:

- Make the judgement in good faith and for a proper purpose
- Do not have a material personal interest in the judgement
- Inform themselves to the extent they reasonably believe to be appropriate, and
- Rationally believe the judgement is in the best interests of the Company (Club)."

The law requires that Directors act in good faith in the best interests of the corporation and for a proper purpose and that they discharge their obligations with the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise.

National Headquarters

COMPANY BOARD ELECTION 2023
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

2023 ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAMPERVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED

I have been appointed to conduct an election for:
One Director

Nominations are invited from financial Ordinary Members or Honorary Life Members who wish to serve on the Board. The Member elected shall assume office following the closure of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company. The term of office is three years.

Nominations must be in writing. Two financial Members of the Company eligible to vote at the election (Ordinary Members or Honorary Life Members) must sign the nomination. The person nominated must also signify acceptance of the nomination. The nomination and acceptance form should be completed to show the full names, membership numbers, postal and email addresses (if any) and telephone numbers of the nominators and nominee together with the nominee's date and place of birth.

A printed nomination and acceptance form may be obtained from CMCA National Headquarters or from the Club's website www.cmca.au. A printed nomination and acceptance form is not essential provided any personally prepared nomination and acceptance letter contains all the information set out in the previous paragraph. Nominations will not be accepted unless and until they do comply.

Persons nominated shall submit a statement in support of candidature of no more than 500 words and may include a photograph. This statement (and photograph if supplied) will be published in *The Wanderer* and will be available online. Candidate statements can be extended beyond 500 words for placement online.

In accordance with the terms of the Company's Constitution, *Associate Members are not entitled to vote, to nominate persons for election nor to hold office in the Company. Associate Members who have acquired a qualifying vehicle should notify National Headquarters either by phone, email or online, so that their membership status may be amended to 'Ordinary Member'.*

A copy of the Constitution is available on the Club's website at https://cdn.cmca.net.au/cloud/82c8007c-5bc9-4af0-84c7-6436c0020e26_ConstitutionA5_October2022.wholedocWH.pdf or may be obtained from National Headquarters upon request.

Nominations and acceptances, statements in support of candidature (and photographs if supplied) must be lodged by mail or emailed to be with the Returning Officer by **12 noon on Friday 2 June 2023.** The late lodgement of nomination and acceptance forms is not permitted.

The Membership Roll for eligibility to vote will close at **5pm on Monday 26 June 2023. Please ensure your details are correct and your membership fees are current as of this date to ensure eligibility to vote.**

Please **POST** your nomination and acceptance forms to:
The Returning Officer
PO Box 4405
Lake Haven NSW 2263

Or **EMAIL** your nomination and acceptance forms to:

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Should a ballot be necessary, a link with the ballot papers will be sent to an electronic (email) address. If you don't have an electronic (email) address and you still receive a hard copy of *The Wanderer*, ballot papers will be sent as an insert to the last known address on the CMCA database. If you don't have an electronic (email) address or receive a hard copy of *The Wanderer*, ballots papers will be sent separately to the last known address on the CMCA database.

Please contact me by mail or email if you have any questions relating to the conduct of the election.

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Returning Officer
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CHRIS' CORNER

KT INSURANCE'S HEAD OF PRODUCT, UNDERWRITING AND TECHNOLOGY, CHRIS VAN DER HORST, IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE FLEXIBLE EXCESS OPTIONS AS THE LATEST IMPROVEMENT IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER FEEDBACK.

Chris van de Horst talks to customers about the new excess options on offer

New excess options for members renewing, or purchasing new policies

Improvements have been coming thick and fast at KT Insurance. So too have the 5-star Google Reviews and the positive customer feedback on our hard work of late, which we have thoroughly appreciated and are quite proud of!

There is one topic of less positive feedback that we've been hearing loud and clear though, and that's been around our lack of excess options. Well, we've been listening while working behind the scenes, and we are pleased to announce that we will now be offering a number of excess options.

An insurance policy's excess is the amount that a policyholder must pay as a contribution towards a claim. KT Insurance will now offer policyholders a broad range of excess options:

- Policies with a total sum insured below $100,000 will be able to select $500 as the minimum excess, with policies over $100,000 having a minimum excess of $750
- All policies will have excess options between $750 and $2,000 in increments of $250, with excesses also available between $2000 and $5000 in $500 increments.

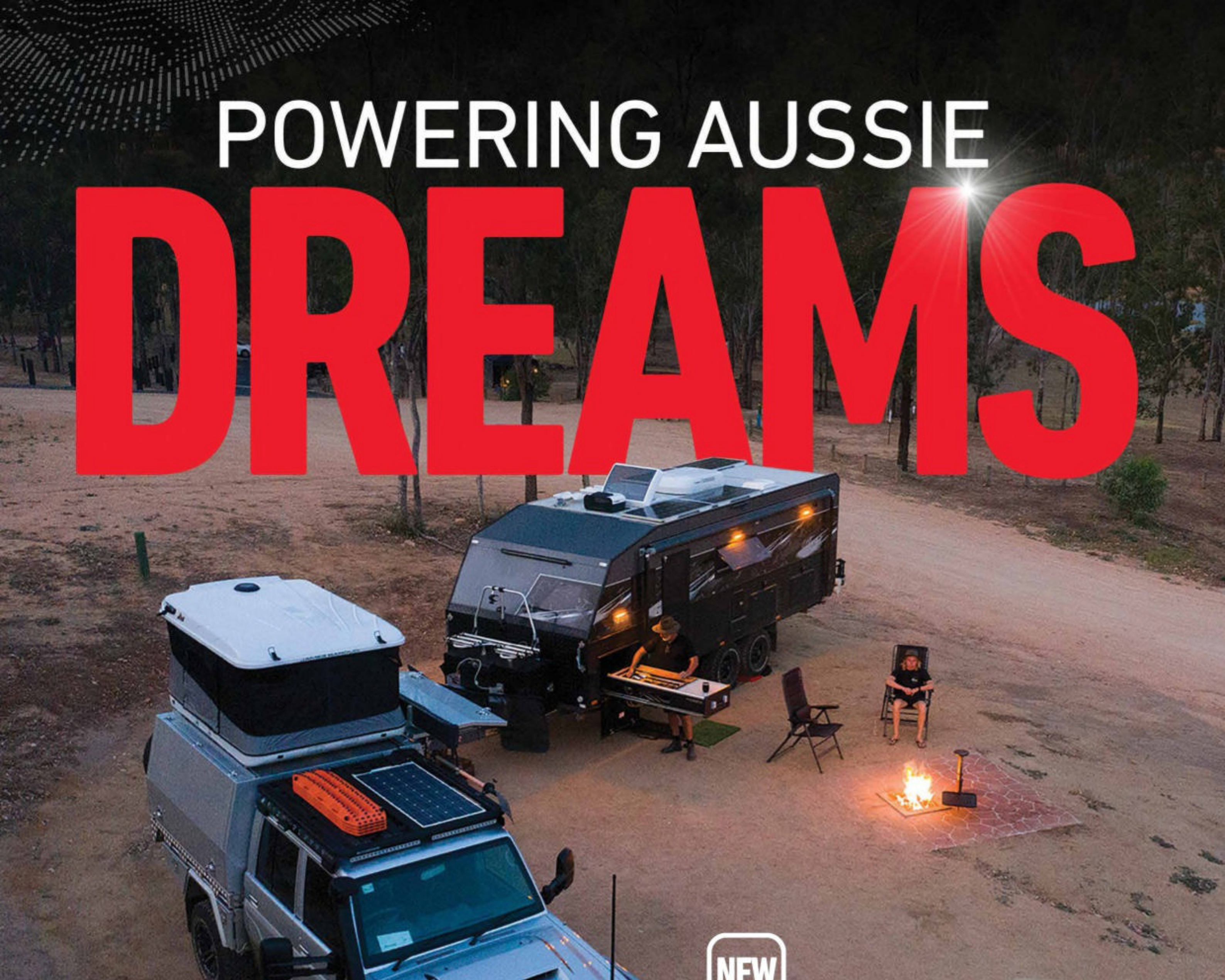
It's worth noting that regardless of the excess option chosen, policyholders will still be eligible for our excess-free benefits, like cover for medical emergency assistance and animal strikes, and our flat-excess benefits, like awning and/or annexe cover with a flat $500 excess.

Examples of benefits at either end of the excess spectrum come to mind. For owners of higher-value RVs who are less concerned about small claims than the larger 'what-ifs', selecting the highest $5000 excess would allow us to offer our lowest possible premium. Owners of lower-value RVs can pursue similar premium savings with a higher excess where previously a $500 excess was the only option, or they may choose a higher premium with a lower excess to minimise out-of-pocket expenses in the event of a claim.

Flexible excesses are nothing new in the insurance industry, but we are genuinely ecstatic to now offer this to KT Insurance customers. Existing customers will be offered our new excess options at renewal and customers purchasing new policies now have the ability to select the excess option that feels right for them.

Across all departments of KT Insurance, we genuinely do appreciate CMCA member feedback, which has been instrumental in our continued improvement. If you have any suggestions on how KT Insurance could better support your life on the open road, we would love to hear from you at info@ktinsurance.com.au or by calling 1300 261 261.

Safe travels,
Chris



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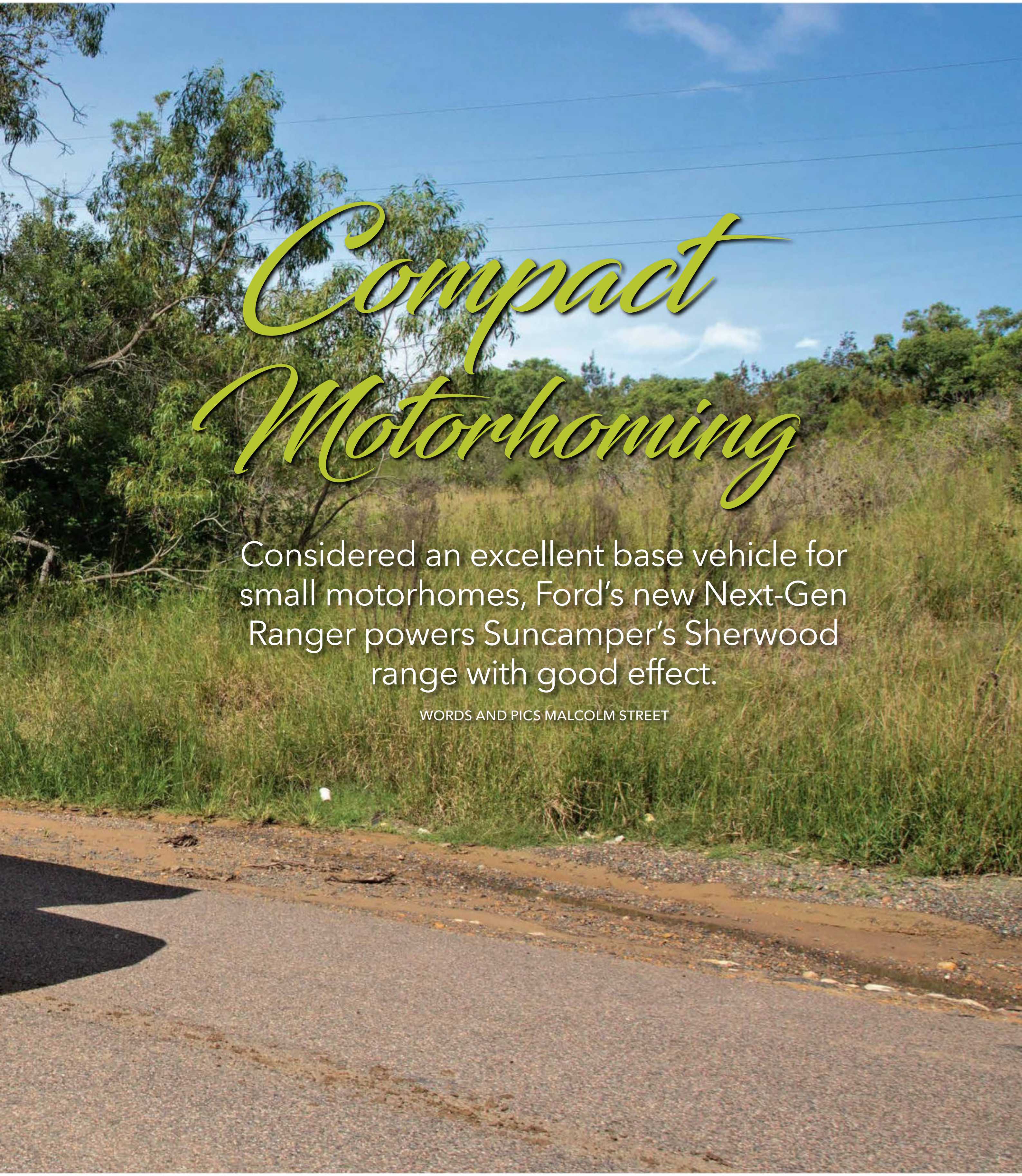


Compact Motorhoming

Considered an excellent base vehicle for small motorhomes, Ford's new Next-Gen Ranger powers Suncamper's Sherwood range with good effect.

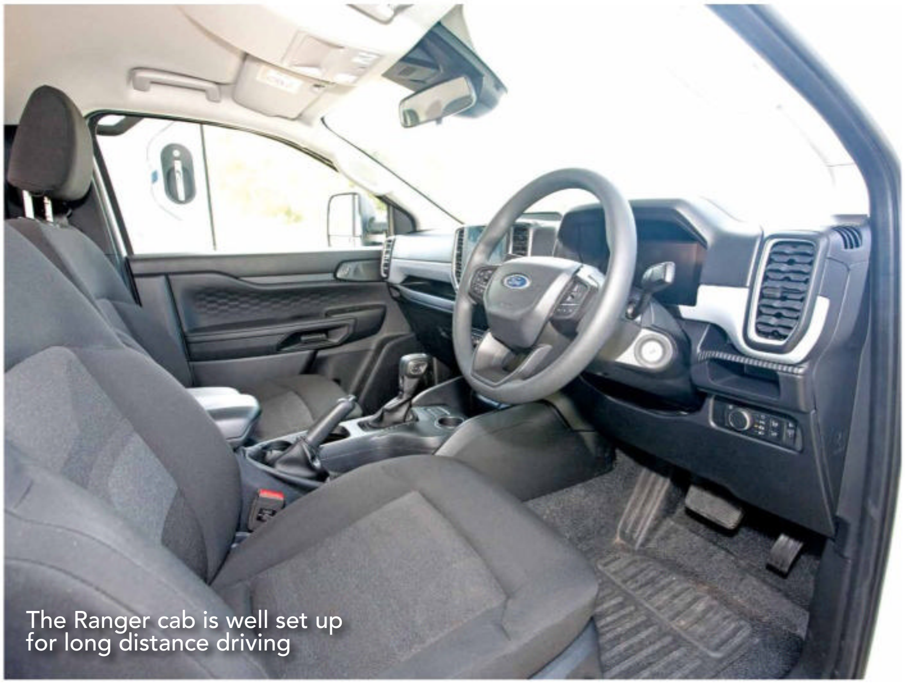
WORDS AND PICS MALCOLM STREET

Ford Ranger Hi-Rider has good ground clearance

> “Sydney-based Suncamper Motorhomes is a manufacturer with several motorhome models at home on both the Ranger and Hilux vehicles

Motorhomes in Australia come in all shapes and sizes. The majority usually fit into the A, B or C Class categories, the latter two being the most popular. Only some things are a neat fit, of course, and an excellent example is the smaller motorhomes built on something like a Toyota Hilux or Ford Ranger cab chassis.

Sydney-based Suncamper Motorhomes is a manufacturer with several motorhome models at home on both the Ranger and Hilux vehicles. Not so long ago, one such – a Sherwood 4X2 E-Series – rolled out of the factory door and I grabbed it for a short run before it disappeared into the customer’s hands.



The Ranger cab is well set up for long distance driving

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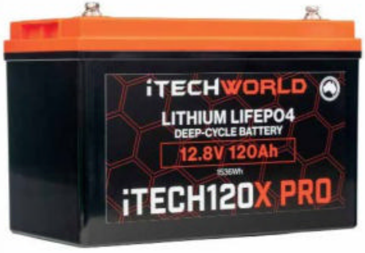
The iTECH120X PRO is the newest addition to the iTechworld lithium battery family, and it has quickly established itself as the best option for caravanners. Like its predecessor, the iTECH120X, the PRO model is a true drop-in replacement for existing caravan systems. Compatible with 99% of battery chargers, the iTECH120X PRO is the easiest way to upgrade to lithium without the need for expensive modifications.

But what really sets the iTECH120X PRO apart is its impressive 100% usable capacity. This means that you can rely on it to deliver the full 120Ah. With the iTECH120X PRO, you can enjoy longer periods of uninterrupted power, allowing you to explore off-grid locations with confidence.

The iTECH120X PRO also features advanced lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO4) chemistry, which makes it more efficient and longer-lasting than traditional lead-acid batteries. Moreover, LiFePO4 batteries are safer and more stable than other types of lithium batteries, making them the perfect choice for caravanners who demand the best in terms of safety. In addition to its superior technology, the iTECH120X PRO is also designed with the needs of caravanners in mind. It's lightweight and compact, making it easy to install and transport. It can be charged using solar panels, making it an eco-friendly choice for those who want to reduce their carbon footprint.

With the iTECH120X PRO's drop-in compatibility, 100% useable capacity, advanced LiFePO4 technology, and lightweight design, the iTECH120X PRO is the best lithium battery for caravans on the market today.

Designed and developed in Australia, the iTECH120X PRO is the ideal choice for all caravanners looking for a reliable and efficient battery. With its advanced technology and impressive 100% usable capacity, the iTECH120X PRO lithium battery will provide you with the power you need to enjoy your off-grid adventures to the fullest.



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BASE VEHICLE

The Sherwood range is available in several different layouts and base vehicle options. For this particular Sherwood design, Suncamper used the Next Gen Ford Ranger XL Hi-Rider 4X2. It has a 2-litre 125kW/405Nm turbo diesel and a six-speed automatic gearbox. The XL is the Ranger base model with the option of a 4X4 2-litre Bi-Turbo (154kW/500Nm) and a 10-speed automatic gearbox.

Unless you are planning some serious offroad travel, there's not really a disadvantage in the two-wheel drive model. It makes the motorhome less expensive and there's a bit of weight saving as well. To accommodate the motorhome weight and the 820kg payload, the Ford Ranger gets a suspension/GVM upgrade from 3230kg to 3500kg.

The Sherwood E-Series is straightforward to handle on the road, not only when on the highway but also when manoeuvring around a supermarket car park. There's a bit of rock n roll typical of these style motorhomes but it's minimal – the suspension upgrade obviously helps. Unlike most larger motorhomes, the one thing to remember, particularly when getting in or out of the driver's cab, is the relatively lower height of the Luton peak. Either that or wear a bash hat!

STRUCTURE

Suncamper is making some changes to the way it builds motorhomes. According to Suncamper's Marketing Coordinator, Connor Jones: … "a solid steel frame serves as the base to ensure that a Suncamper Motorhome is robust and ready for Australian adventure. The motorhome has strong 4S composite constructed fibreglass walls. Sandwiching fire retardant insulation, these walls are cut down to the millimetre on Suncamper's state-of-the-art CNC machine. With 30+ years of experience, our shells are designed to keep water and dust out no matter the environment. With various anchor points throughout, the cabinetry is strong enough to be self-supporting but partners comprehensively with our 4S walls. The sub-chassis area has rustproofing and sound deadening to minimise noise and road damage."

Complementing the external structure, all the cabinetry is made from plywood that is screwed and glued together, making it a very solid construction. A recent addition to the Suncamper factory has been a bigger CNC machine, ensuring greater accuracy in the componentry fit.

EXTERNALS

Around the outside, there are the essentials like the gas cylinder bin for two 4kg cylinders, Thetford cassette toilet, water connections, Swift water heater and Fiamma F45 awning. An option on this model, but one I would have installed, is an external access hatch on the nearside. Access to the under-seat areas from the outside benefits items such as the power lead, water hoses and camping chairs. All the windows are the typical double-glazed acrylic style and entry is via a Dometic security door. Getting in and out is relatively easy because of the double electric step.

Gas bin contains two 4kg gas cylinders

Suspension upgrade improves handling and increases the GVM to 3500kg

Dometic security door is standard

SPECIFICATIONS

VEHICLE

Manufacturer Suncamper
Model Sherwood 4X2 E-Series
Base Vehicle Next Gen Ford Ranger XL Hi-Rider
Tare weight 2680kg
GVM 3500kg
Licence Car
Passengers 2

MECHANICAL

Engine 2L turbo diesel
Power 125kW@3500rpm
Torque 405Nm@1750-2500rpm
Gearbox 6 speed auto
Brakes ABS disc

DIMENSIONS

External length 5.8m (19ft)
External width 2.1m (6ft 11in)
External height 3.1m (10ft 2in)
Internal height 1.94m (6ft 4in)
Bed size 1.92m x 1.53m (6ft 3in x 5ft)

EQUIPMENT

Cooktop 3-burner LPG
Fridge Thetford DE105 12V compressor
Microwave Oven Yes
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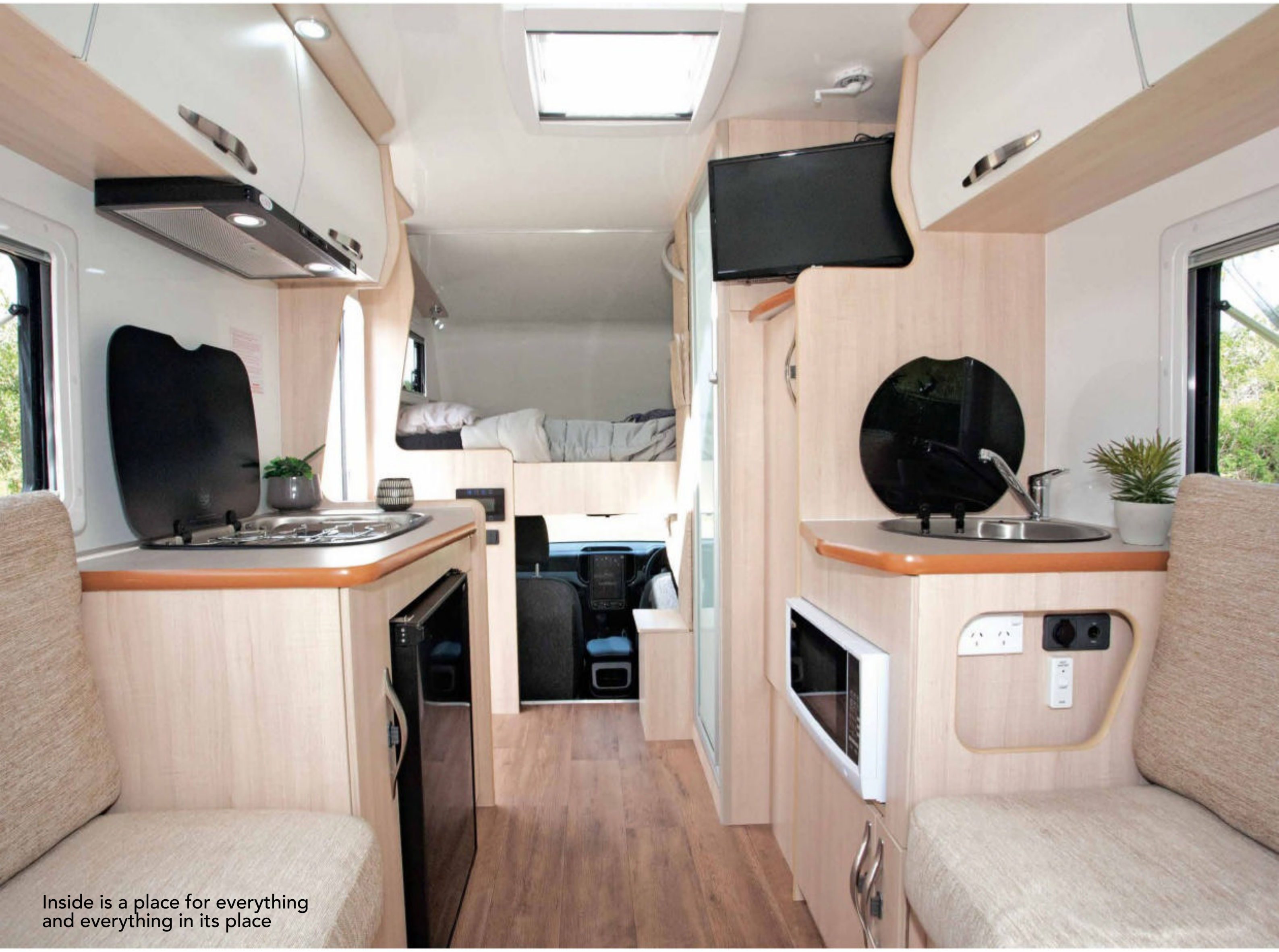


Inside is a place for everything and everything in its place

> “Compact but practical are good words to describe the Sherwood E-Series interior

OPTIONS FITTED

- External access hatch
- Club Lounge
- Extra 120Ah Gel battery
- Extra 135W solar panel

INTERIOR LOOK

Compact but practical are good words to describe the Sherwood E-Series interior. A layout designed for a couple, there’s a transverse bed above the driver’s cab and a small club lounge in the rear. Taking up the space behind the driver’s seat is a combo shower/toilet cubicle, leaving the rest of the area for a small split kitchen. Although the motorhome interior is a relatively small area, the large windows and good interior lighting significantly improve the space perception. The curved overhead locker doors take away the square look of some of the cabinetry. Overall, the interior appearance is relatively easy to take in.

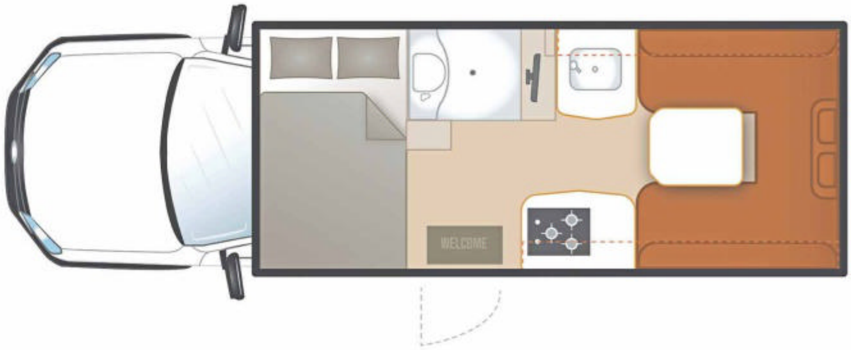
Above the cab, the bed measures 1.92m x 1.53m (6ft 3in x 5ft) and, at least at the house end, has a ceiling height of 0.84m (2ft 9in). There are windows on both sides and reading lights fitted to the ceiling on the near side. Like most beds in motorhomes this style, access to the bed is a bit awkward given the height, but that is helped no end by the small step and grab handle fitted outside the shower cubicle. It’s much less of a scramble to clamber in and out.

Suncamper
SHERWOOD 4x2 "E-SERIES"

The Sherwood is not large, but has all the essential features

REAR VIEWS

The rear club fitted to this motorhome is an option on the Sherwood E-Series. The standard setup is two sideways-facing seats with a fold-out table in between, but the club lounge's advantage is that it can be used as a second bed if needed. The Lagun-mounted table can be swivelled around to suit the users and the all-round windows give a great view of the outside world. Above the seating, the overhead lockers, fitted with removable shelves, offer plenty of valuable storage space. Under the offside seats, the space is taken by the batteries and water heater, but the rear and side areas are both clear for storage items.



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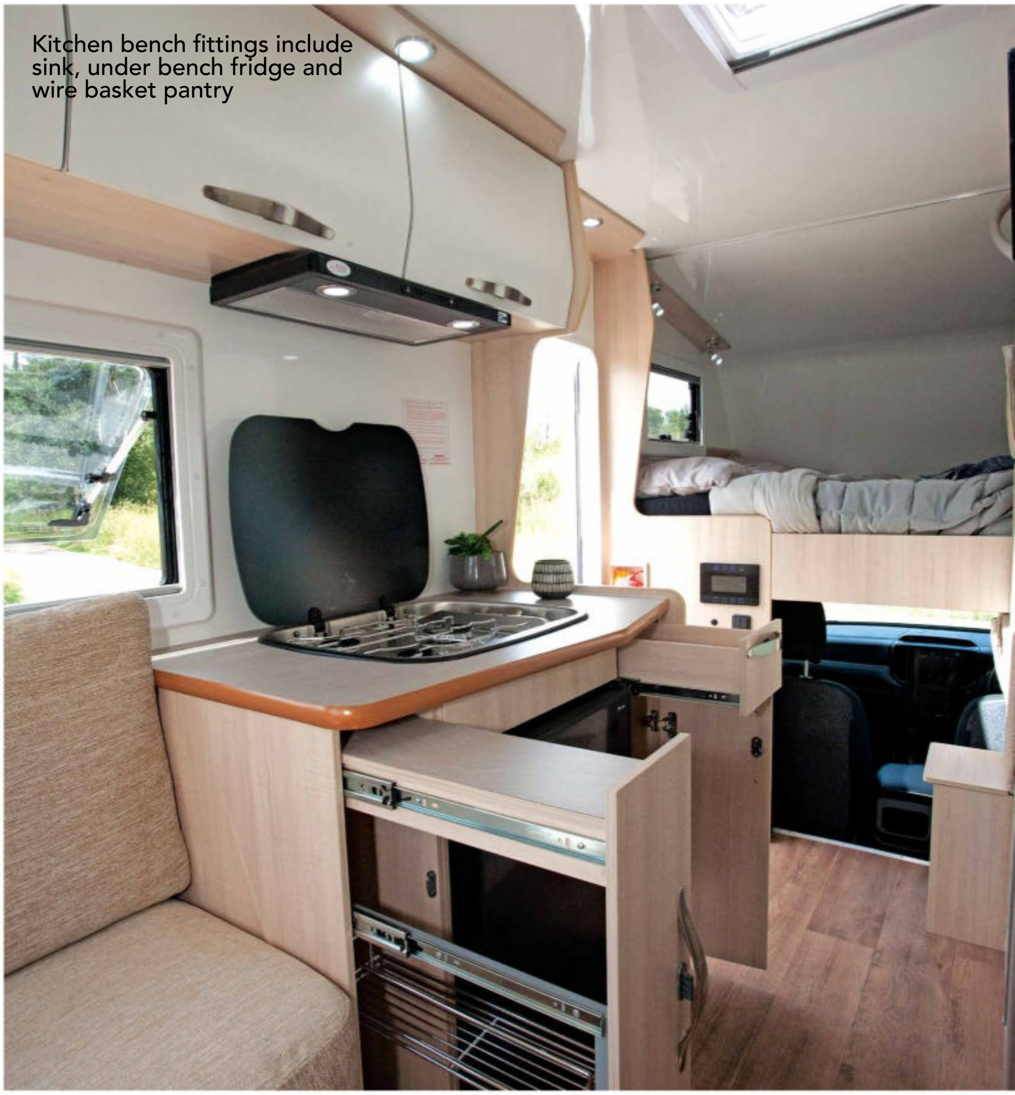
CONDENSED CATERING

In a motorhome this size, a split kitchen works well. Fitted along the nearside wall, the kitchen cabinetry is used for the stainless steel three burner hob on top and a Thetford 105-litre fridge below. To make the most of the available space, a wire basket pantry is fitted on one side of the fridge and a cutlery drawer and cupboard on the other. Overhead lockers fill the air space above.

On the opposite side, the waist-high cabinet fit-out consists of a round stainless sink with a microwave oven below. There's no area for draining the washing up, so a tray on the swivelling table is the default option. The cupboard below the microwave oven offers more storage, as does the adjacent three-quarter-height wardrobe. Above the wardrobe cabinet, the 19.5in TV can easily be seen from the rear lounge.

A neat design touch is a recessed compartment below the sink that faces the rear seat. Kitted out with a 240V power point, device charger hub and 12V sockets, it's handy for the rear seat but not vulnerable to water splashes from the sink.



Kitchen bench fittings include sink, under bench fridge and wire basket pantry

A little bit of bench top space

The Luton bed measures 1.92m x 1.53m and has windows on both sides

There's just enough room to turn around in the bathroom

COMBO FACILITIES

Buying a motorhome this size implies a combo bathroom to fit in the available space, although some Sherwood models have a separate shower toilet. In this case, there is a bench-style Thetford cassette toilet, a small corner wash basin and a flexible hose shower that's shared with the wash basin and is retractable and pushed back in the wash basin when not being used. A fan-fitted roof hatch supplies the ventilation; there's a small retractable rack for drying towels and a mirror fitted above the wash basin.

The bed step can be used for storage

POWER OPTIONS

In standard form, the Sherwood E-Series comes with a single 120Ah Gel house battery and one 135W solar, but fitted to my review motorhome was an extra battery and solar panel of the same capacity. That gives plenty of power capacity for off-the-grid camping, the only limiter being the 86-litre freshwater tank but there is an option for an extra tank to provide a total 130-litre capacity.

THE BOTTOM LINE

For anyone desiring a motorhome that's not particularly large but still has all the essential features, the Sherwood E-Series offers a great deal for a couple or solo traveller. In addition, the ground clearance of the Ranger XL Hi-Rider, although not a four-wheel drive, offers some great rough road exploring opportunities in the back blocks of Australia ... done in the style of course.

Removing the table creates a comfortable lounge area

SHERWOOD 4x2 "E-SERIES"
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The ground clearance of the Ranger offers some great rough road exploring opportunities

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For those who enjoy exploring Australia's breathtaking landscapes, whether you're staying on the road or heading onto rougher terrain, having the necessary gear on board can ensure your journey doesn't come to an unplanned halt.

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While your packing list might start off with food, water, camping gear and so on, having an adequate and reliable power source is essential for keeping all your electrical appliances, fittings and necessary tech charged and ready to go whenever you need them.

Modern batteries have come a long way, particularly with the advent of lithium batteries that have been a game changer in terms of charging efficiency, power density, their longer battery life and overall lighter packing – which is always a bonus for those trying to keep their RV weight down.

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The iTech120X Pro and 240X Pro lithium batteries

A POWERFUL COMPANION

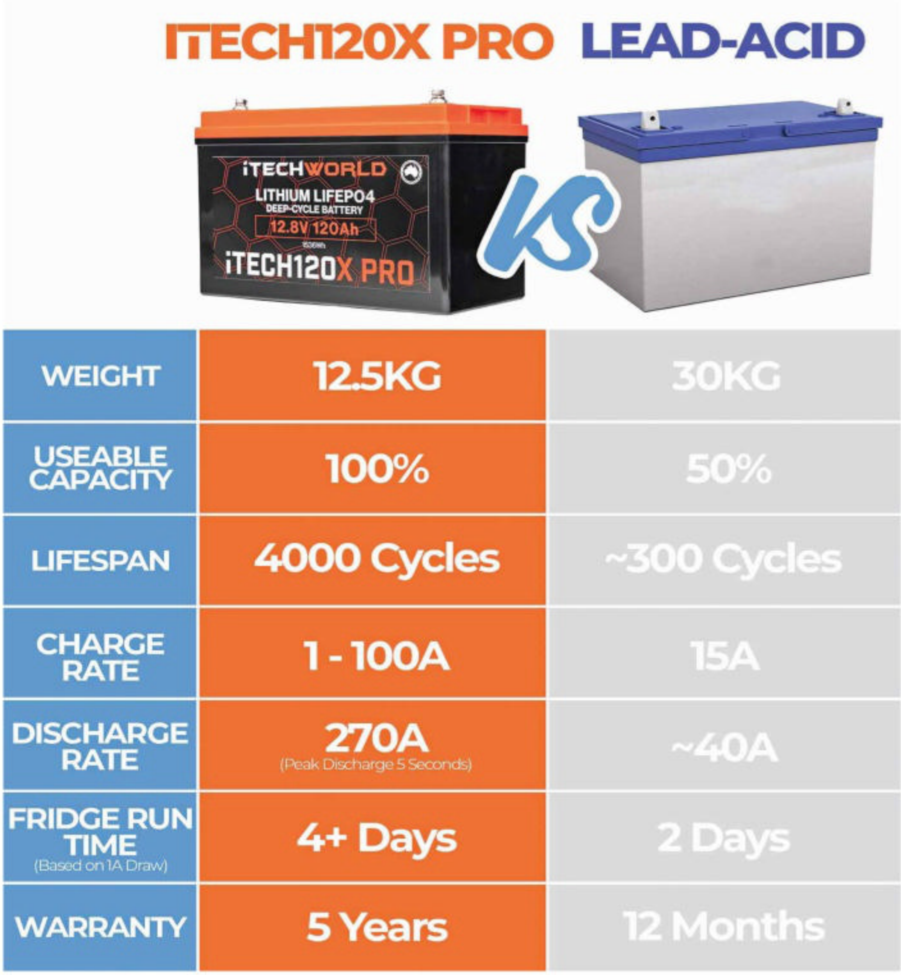
iTechworld is a proudly Australian family-owned and operated company, and for the past 17 years has been continually pushing itself to produce new and improved power solution products that reflect Australian innovation and are also designed for Aussie customers and conditions.

The iTECH120X PRO 12.8V Lithium Battery is one of the new and top tier additions to iTechworld's range, alongside the JS80 3000A Jump Starter and the iTECH1300P Lithium Power Station. Other products include portable generators, folding solar panel blankets and inverters.

The company's new iTECH120X PRO battery is a leading product on the market, with 10 years of extensive design behind it to ensure it is a premium product for all kinds of adventurers. A new and more powerful version of the ever-popular iTECH120X Lithium Battery, the iTECH120X PRO 12.8V/120Ah Lithium Battery is ideal for anyone wanting to head off the grid, or simply have a reliable deep cycle battery backup for whenever the need strikes.

Much like the existing iTECH120X, the new iTECH120X PRO is a lithium drop-in replacement for exciting systems, making it easy for those who already own a lead-acid or AGM battery to simply pull out the existing system and drop in either of the iTechworld lithium batteries. Both iTECH120X batteries work with 99 per cent of chargers.

The iTECH120X PRO offers 100 per cent usable capacity, allowing you to utilise the full 120Ah stored in the battery, rather than the 50 per cent of usable amps a lead-acid battery can supply. It is not recommended for lead-acid or AGM batteries to be discharged below 50 per cent, as the heat produced when charged back up can damage the cells and significantly reduce the lifespan. Comparatively, lithium batteries can be discharged to a higher level safely, providing more usable amps with no long-term effects – much to the delight of all travellers who enjoy heading off the grid.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	ITECH120X PRO	LEAD-ACID
WEIGHT	12.5KG	30KG
USEABLE CAPACITY	100%	50%
LIFESPAN	4000 Cycles	~300 Cycles
CHARGE RATE	1 - 100A	15A
DISCHARGE RATE	270A (Peak Discharge 5 Seconds)	~40A
FRIDGE RUN TIME (Based on 1A Draw)	4+ Days	2 Days
WARRANTY	5 Years	12 Months

READY TO RIDE
The iTECH120X PRO is the toughest deep-cycle battery iTechworld has ever built. Designed to withstand Australia's environment, the battery is IP67 waterproof rated, meaning you can submerge it under 1m of water for up to 30 minutes. While this might not be necessary for many motorhome setups, you can rest easy that it can be stored safely in exterior storage boxes. Weighing in at 12.5kg, the iTECH120X PRO is a lighter option than lead-acid or AGM batteries that can weigh up to 30kg – so you can either ride easy with a lighter load or make space for those luxuries you've always wanted to take on the road.

The design of this new battery features a new prismatic cell design, different to the type used in its predecessor. This new design offers more vibration resistance and stability for rough terrain with vibration dampening technology. Additionally, the iTECH120X PRO incorporates an all-new supercharged BMS allowing for less cell degradation. The battery is also suitable for under-bonnet applications, although iTechworld recommends using a heat shield. Please note, while the iTECH120X PRO is tough and ready to go, it cannot be used as a cranking battery.

Owners can also enjoy a longer lifespan of up to 4000 cycles with high current use, giving you approximately 10+ years of life, compared to the 3-5 years you might expect with a good quality AGM. The recommended charge current for the iTECH120X PRO is 1-60A, but the product is capable of going up to 100A. Enjoy a discharge current of 270A with peak discharge in five seconds, compared to the approximate 40A discharge rate of a lead-acid battery. To put

The toughest deep cycle battery iTechworld has ever built the power in other terms, the iTECH120X PRO will run a fridge for four or more days, based on a 1A draw, double what you might expect of a non-lithium battery.

With an extensive Australian warranty of five years, even for under bonnet use, travellers can rest easy knowing that the team at iTechworld will be able to help.

The iTECH120X PRO is available for purchase online or you can contact iTechworld's Australian sales team on 1300 483 249.

For more information about the iTECH120X PRO or iTechworld's other products, head online: itechworld.com.au.

Stay off-grid for longer with iTechworld batteries

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A WARRANTY WIN FOR REMCO LITHIUM BATTERIES

Whether you are an all-time adventurer, or simply wanting a reliable battery management solution – REMCO's well-known brand and newly extended warranty for its lithium batteries might just catch your eye.

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Providing easy energy solutions for more than 30 years, REMCO is a specialist battery brand well known among the RV, 4x4, marine and solar markets, producing reliable products that are suitable for professionals and adventurers alike.

"REMCO has been producing batteries for over 30 years, so when it comes to looking for easy energy solutions that you can trust we've got you covered," said Anthony Trigona, REMCO Product Manager.

The REMCO Lithium Deep Cycle Range was launched in mid-2022, offering a quality and lightweight product that features Bluetooth Connectivity, a built-in battery management system (BMS), faster charging, 100 per cent usable capacity, and a life span rated to achieve over 3000 cycles – five times longer than a traditional AGM battery. The range is also backed by a warranty that was recently extended from four years to five, demonstrating REMCO's confidence in the quality of the range.

"Our lithium batteries have been designed and manufactured to perform day-in and day-out. Now, with the added peace of mind of a five-year warranty, you can be sure you have the right battery for your adventuring setup," said Mr Trigona.

An added bonus is that this newly extended five-year warranty will apply retrospectively to all lithium batteries purchased before this change.

The REMCO range can be purchased from Autobarn, AutoPro, Battery World and Opposite Lock retailers. For more information, head to the REMCO website: www.remcoenergy.com.au.

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LARGER THAN LIFE

With a company heritage dating back to 1989, Projecta has established itself as one of Australia's leading manufacturers of high-quality battery maintenance and power products. Renowned for its extensive range that can power any kind of adventure, Projecta has solidified its place in the market.

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Providing battery and power solutions for all kinds of applications, from recreation through to farming, Projecta is based in the Melbourne suburb of Knoxfield and its facility covers 14,000 square metres. It is here that all products are designed, engineered and tested by the knowledgeable Projecta team before being shipped off to the company's many stockists.

Projecta's wide and growing range of power management products ensures this brand stands out in the market. The team's development program continually strives to advance and incorporate new technology and products into its range and has recently released a catalogue with more than 180 new and upgraded Projecta products to the RV market.

This new range of elite battery and power management solutions includes the launch of Projecta's new Intelli-Grid power management systems and lithium battery range. Other products to receive an upgrade or expansion include its DC-DC chargers, power inverters, battery chargers and off-grid power solutions. All this aids Projecta's mission to provide the widest range of battery and power products on the Australian market.

All Projecta products are designed, engineered and tested to stringent quality standards to ensure market-leading power, reliability and functionality. Additionally, it strives to make power solutions simple and accessible for users, with

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integrated and connected full-system solutions that can be tailored to the needs of the user.

The company's after-sales support services allow customers to speak directly with Projecta's dedicated support system who will walk through all DIY installations and technical questions. Or head over to the online Projecta Community Group where professionals and enthusiasts alike band together to share their knowledge, answer questions and upload video demonstrations. Customers can also rest easy with leading warranty services that back each product. Projecta has recently upgraded the warranties for many of its products, including battery chargers, IP range inverters and lithium batteries, giving customers five-years of warranty backed usage.

EXPLORE THE RANGE

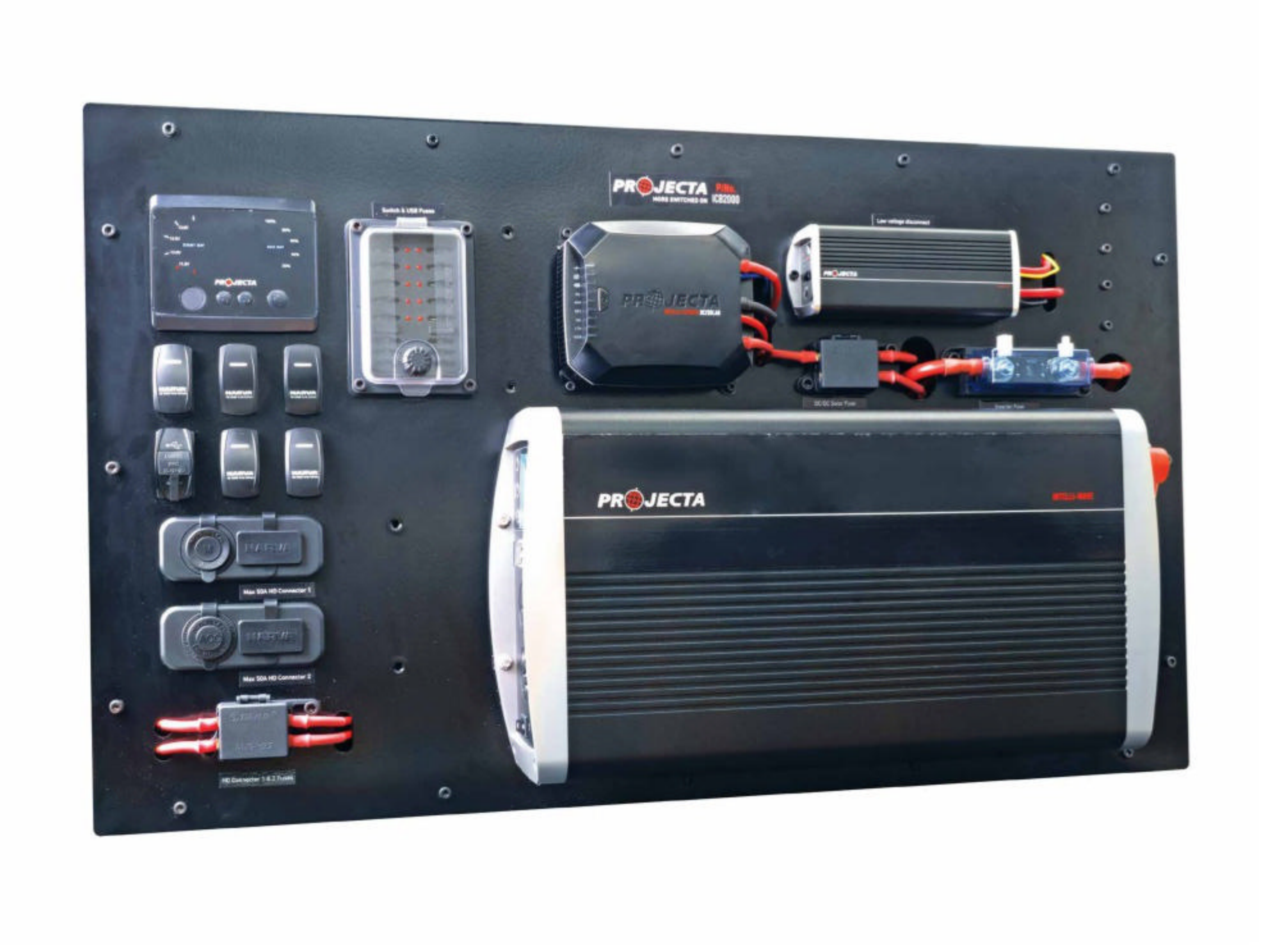
Lithium Batteries

Projecta's lithium battery range was launched late last year, providing powerful, safe and reliable products backed by six years of comprehensive development and testing. Projecta's parent company, Brown & Watson International, was able to share its extensive experience and technology regarding lithium iron phosphate products, ensuring Projecta's range reflected the company's stringent standards.

The new 12V 100Ah Lithium Battery (LB100) provides a true 100 discharge current, capable of powering 1000W inverters, plus your fridge, and is compatible with Projecta's Intelli-RV range, battery chargers, inverters and lithium battery monitors. The built-in BMS protects and extends the life of the battery, delivering over 2000 cycles. Projecta utilises lithium iron phosphate technology, ensuring not only quality but safety as well. The LB100 is equivalent to a 160Ah lead-acid battery and can be discharged down to 20 per cent depth of discharge without reducing the life of the battery. And with a weight of only 14kg, it's suitable for adventures of all kinds.

The second new lithium battery to be released in Projecta's 180 product upgrade is the 12V High Discharge 100Ah Lithium Battery (LB100-BT), which is an ideal companion for 4WDs and RVs that require plenty of power. Not only does the LB100-BT have an impressive 150A high discharge, it can also monitor the battery status via a smartphone or tablet using Bluetooth, allowing owners to check the State of Charge of the battery (SOC%) easily with

ICB2000 12V 25A Power Management Board



the power level indicator. Much like its LB100 counterpart, this battery features the same safety, technology, reliability and weight advantages (12kg), and is compatible with Intelli-RV and other Projecta lithium products.

Intelli-Start Lithium Jump Starters
With more than 30 years of experience Projecta knows what end users need when it comes to jump starters. They need their jump starter ready to go at any time with an expectation it will be safe, reliable and portable.

One of the smartest jump starters on the market, the Projecta Intelli-Start Jump Starters utilise the patented Rapid Recharge Technology (RRT) which can recharge directly from the vehicle it has just started in only 40 seconds. This means that you'll always have a jump starter ready to go whenever or however often you might need it, rather than being left high and power-dry with a flat jump starter.

While the range varies in physical size, all remain lightweight which travellers will appreciate, and with lithium iron phosphate technology they are very safe and easy to use.

The Intelli-Start range features several jump starters designed for different applications. The IS920 and IS1220 are designed for emergency use, while the IS1400 is for both emergency and trade applications. The IS1500 is Projecta's long-standing trade powerhouse jump starter. The IS2000 has 12V and 24V output and is an ideal option for all trade applications. Last but by no means least, the industrial options include the IS3000 and IS5000, which have enough power to start almost any equipment.

Intelli-Wave Inverters
Projecta's Intelli-Wave Inverter range was not overlooked in the new upgrade release, ensuring there is an option to suit whatever needs powering around your RV. The range was expanded to include the IP1500, which is a compact unit ideally suited for powering appliances such as your trusty coffee machine, and the IP3000 which is the most powerful inverter in the range. The IP3000 features an RCD 'cut-out' switch for safety, ECO mode and an AC transfer switch.

The IP inverter range has grown with the addition of these two new models, which now join the existing IP1000 and IP2000. Remarkably, all IP inverters enjoy a start-up power time of only three seconds, making them capable of starting larger devices than other comparable inverters. The range has recently been

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The IDC25X DC-DC Charger

upgraded to feature a five-year warranty.

IDC25X DC-DC Charger
The IDC25X DC-DC charger is the most advanced product Projecta has ever produced and is one of the toughest DC-DC chargers on the market. It is designed to withstand the harsh conditions of under bonnet mounting, not to mention Australia's extreme climates, while still providing reliable charging. The IDCX program utilises MPPT charging that captures and harvests sunlight in a highly efficient way, meaning that it produces 25A of charge up to 75°C — which is ideal for under the bonnet mounting.

The other key feature of the IDC25X is that it takes the best possible care of deep cycle batteries, ensuring they are topped up and maximising their lifespan. The IDC25X is also compatible with all major battery chemistries, including lithium.

Customers can also control and monitor the IDCX, as well as up to 14 other appliances, via Projecta's unique Intelli-IQ system. This system consists of an Intelli-IQ 2in display that provides easy control over the IDC25X and other Projecta accessories all from one point.

Intelli-RV
The Intelli-RV is Projecta's all-in-one power management unit for RVs and caravans, making battery power and solar management easier than ever. The system provides a single, centralised wiring location, and utilises the remote control and monitoring options to stay informed and in command of the system.

Intelli-Grid
Like the Intelli-RV, the Intelli-Grid is a full AC and DC mobile high power management system designed for 12V 2kW and 3kW and 48V 3kW systems — perfect for running all the comforts of your home on the road. The system is connected via CAN bus communication, meaning you can add components to the Intelli-Grid as required. Each component communicates through the system, meaning it gives you not only 50 per cent extra battery life but also a system that is truly modular and can be customised to suit your unique requirements.

READY, SET, GO

The more than 180 new and upgraded products in the latest Projecta catalogue are simply some of the most notable or unique advancements within Projecta's wide range of battery and power management products. Whether you are looking for a product to suit your home on the road, provide power around camp or take your off-the-grid adventures even further — Projecta has plenty of options to fulfil your requirements. For more information about its products, head online: www.projecta.com.au.

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Where it all began ...

Henry and Wilma's story

The Dubbeld's first caravan Noddy

Their pop-top replaced Noddy and took the Dubbelds around Australia

Henry and Wilma Dubbeld from Tasmania share their RV journey, from humble beginnings in 1964 through to the recent challenges of pandemic lockdowns and border closures.

WORDS AND PICS HENRY AND WILMA DUBBELD T98893

Many friendships made during the couple's adventures

Our first venture into the recreational lifestyle began on 18 October 1964 – the day after we were married – on the forecourt of a service station on Sandy Bay Road in Hobart.

For our honeymoon we hired a car and caravan package for a two-week journey in Tasmania. On that first day we drove just the half a kilometre to the Sandy Bay Caravan Park (now no more) to familiarise ourselves with the unit we had taken on and to get loaded up with the extra bits and pieces we needed.

We travelled a good bit around the state, visiting notable places including Port Arthur where the caravan park was then directly under the wall of the penitentiary. It was the only photo I have of our honeymoon as the next film did not wind on properly. So sadly, the shutter clicked and clicked, but no photos emerged.

On taking discharge from the army at the end of 1968, we moved to Tasmania and set up home in the country town of Bracknell near Launceston, where I started my teaching career in January 1969. By then we had two young children and in this dream job of free weekends and school holidays, what do we do with all that time to entertain ourselves? Can we afford a caravan?

FINDING NODDY

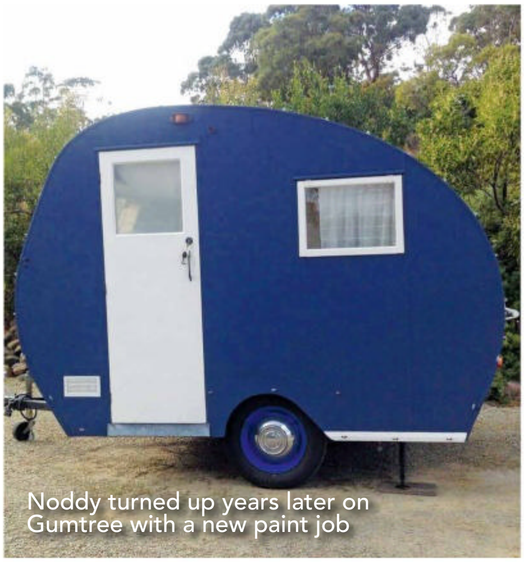
We started looking and saw an incredible range of odds and sods in our price bracket. One even had a pot belly stove in it. Then an interesting advertisement turned up of a small, one owner, plywood caravan built in the early 1950s by a building company in Ulverstone. It was 10 feet long in the old language, belonging to an elderly couple who could no longer use it. For $300 it was ours. We added an annex to accommodate the young ones and put our own touches to the decor of the inside and had many trips with it in Tasmania as the family grew to four children.

The first trip however became a scary one, having set off with it loaded up behind our VW Beetle, hitting the open road … and it started to sway. We quickly stopped, took everything off the bed at the back and put it on the floor in the middle. Thankfully, a safe first lesson.

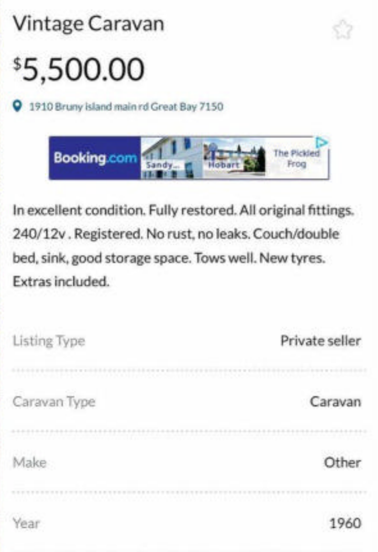
During the time of owning the caravan we also purchased – at a very reduced rate – a 9m x 4m canvas marquee which proved very useful when the crowd was too big for the caravan such as on school camps.

PLANNING THE BIG LOOP

That fantastic little van we called Noddy stayed with us for many years with several modifications along the way. We loved that unit but eventually opted for a more modern van



Noddy turned up years later on Gumtree with a new paint job



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Listing Type	Private seller
Caravan Type	Caravan
Make	Other
Year	1960

Their first motorhome

with our retirement looming and the plan to attempt the 'big lap'.

So, we sold our little Noddy for $900 and purchased a well-used and beautifully cared for pop-top from an experienced elderly grey nomad couple. It had what we considered to be all the mod cons and around Australia we went.

We had that pop-top for several years and eventually made the switch to our first motorhome, which had the luxury of a bathroom while still being small enough for any car park space. It was even able to go on the *Spirit of Tasmania* as a car.

Finding this to be the life for our ageing circumstance and needing to spend a bit of our kids' inheritance (with their blessing) we put this Matilda out on the street with a for sale sign. We sold it quickly and signed up for a brand new and similar size, Explorer 'Vision' motorhome on a Toyota Hi-Lux base and collected it from the factory in Queensland as COVID-19 entered Australia. As border closures threatened, we had to race it home. Driving off the Spirit of Tasmania we received a bag with milk, butter and bread and were told to go home and isolate for two weeks. This became an ideal period to stamp our mark on the new motorhome with the necessities for camping out in the days ahead. That done, and in between lock downs and border closures we have camped both Tasmania and the mainland as far as Perth WA.

NODDY LIVES ON

First loves are special memories and so for years we attempted to locate or at least see our little plywood single skin caravan again, but with no luck. We later discovered it had been put away in a shed on Bruny Island unused. We found that out when it turned up renovated and for sale on Gumtree. But I was too late, it had sold. There were several features which confirmed it had been ours so long ago. We are happy for the new owners and so glad it has a new lease of life to enjoy more camping trips. Perhaps one day we will see it on the road again or in a caravan park or free camp spot somewhere in Australia.

A couple of other travel adventures to add to our experiences were to ride on the India-Pacific from Sydney to Perth and back, and from Adelaide to Darwin return on the Ghan. Both of those trips were won in membership raffles two years apart. They were luxury for us.

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Ampfibian RV-PLUS pack

The problem of connecting a 15A RV to a 10A power supply has vexed many an RV owner. Stories of do-it-yourself cords, endearingly labelled 'death leads' by some in the industry, include cautionary tales of overloaded power points, blown out sockets at risk of overheating and occasionally fires. Legally, financially and in respect to voiding insurance policies, it's too big of a risk to take.

Happily, the team at Ampfibian has developed the RV-PLUS power adaptor to safeguard what for many is their most possession. Designed by actual caravanners for their own caravans and motorhomes, these power adaptors are portable, easy to use and allow safe connection between your 15A RV to any domestic 10A power point.

Featuring a built-in miniature circuit breaker (MCB) which limits all power supply to 10A, the RV-PLUS protects power points and wiring from overheating, while the integrated residual current device (RCD) offers protection against electrocution. Weatherproof rated up to IP55, the RV-PLUS has a two-year product warranty. Adventurers can try the MAX power adaptor for extra durability and coverage.

As a portable accessory, these adaptors are ideal for travel and only need to plug in at a family member or mate's house. They also allow you to charge your batteries and cool down your fridge before you set off on a trip – safely and legally.

Ampfibian's impressive range can be found at hardware or RV accessory stores, or head online: www.ampfibian.com.au.

A STITCH IN TIME: MAINTAINING YOUR RV

WORDS ROBYN PITMAN-WILLIAMS PICS SUPPLIED

RVs are a great way to travel and explore the country, but they also require regular maintenance, proper storage and occasional repairs.

Clean and dry your awning before storage (Image Mark Clinton)

Owning an RV is not all sunsets and happy hours. Maintenance, insurance, repairs, storage, weatherproofing … these are all responsibilities that RV owners must consider, ideally prior to purchase.

The Wanderer frequently speaks on these issues, usually with the wisdom and expertise of Editor-at-Large Malcolm Street or the good people at rvSafe. Our readers love a good maintenance tip, particularly if it saves on costs, so we wanted to put it all in one place for easy reference.

INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION

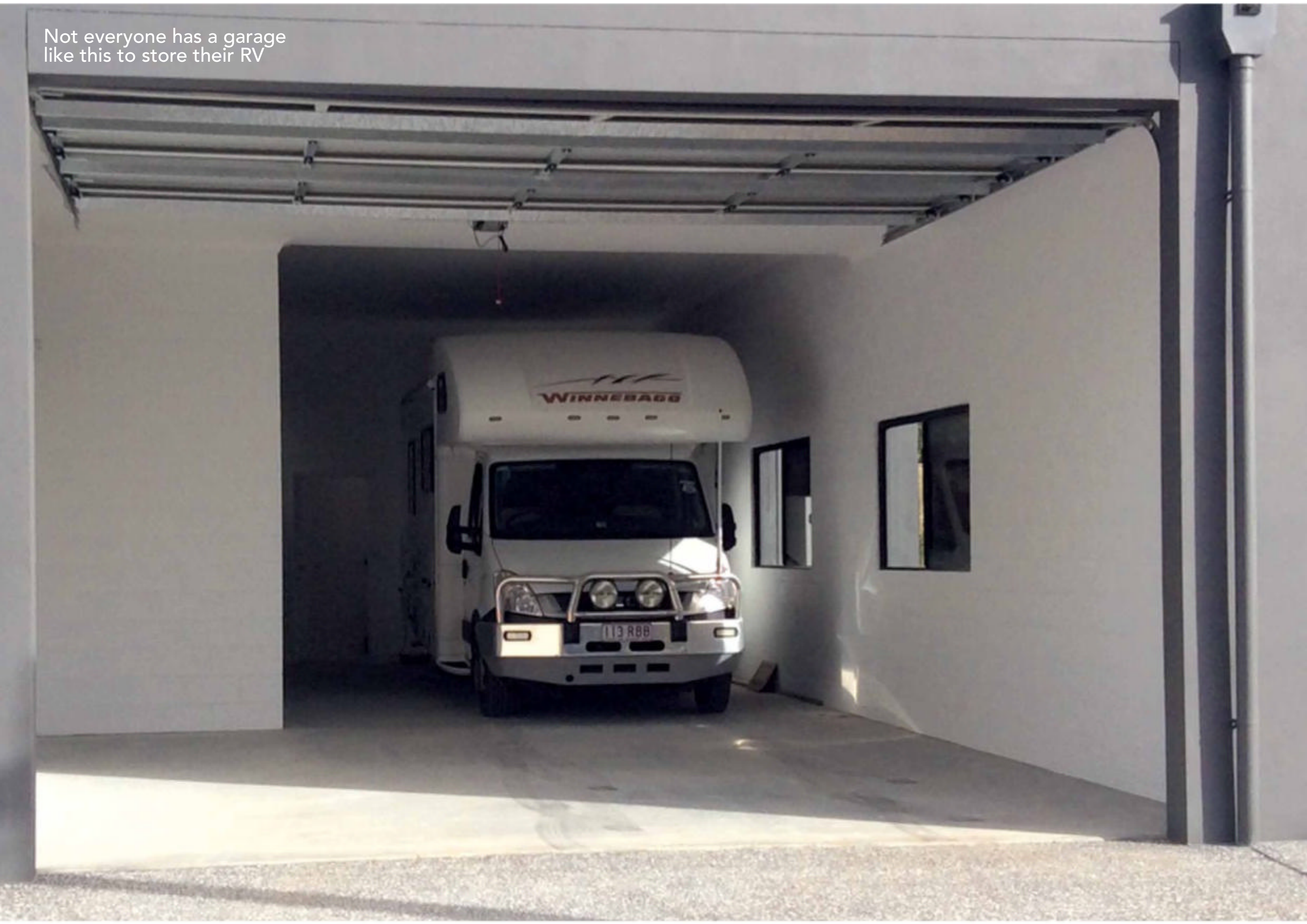
First, and most importantly, RV owners need to consider their insurance and state and territory registration responsibilities. Registration costs across states and territories and how they each classify RVs in terms of size and weight. Failure to comply with registration regulations may cost you big in the end, in terms of money and potential injury coverage by road authorities. Ensure that your registration is current and valid, particularly before undertaking a trip.

Not having insurance, or opting for cheap insurance, may seem the more budget-friendly avenue, but this is dangerous thinking.

Australia is a land of extremes. In one region, you may be flooded or incur storm damage. In another, you may risk body or axle damage through corrugated and unsealed roads. Predicting the dangers of the Aussie landscape is risky business and it's best avoided by having a solid insurance policy with wide-ranging coverage. It's not all about just fixing damage. What if you're stranded in a rural community and need to have your RV towed? What if you have a medical episode and your RV needs to be transported to another region?

KT Insurance is a specialist company well versed in the world of RVs and travelling. Check with KT or another insurance provider to assess your level of coverage. Saving a few dollars now could cost you thousands in the future. In Con's Corner, Con regularly advises readers about insurance matters, so it's well worth reading his column (page 20).

The team at KT Insurance


Not everyone has a garage like this to store their RV

> “Undercover storage will help protect your prized possession from the elements

STORAGE

Some of us are lucky enough to have a garage, carport or yard large enough to store our RV away when not in use. Or maybe we have a friend with enough space to house it for us. However, for those of us in smaller properties, paid storage is one of the only options. Undercover storage is the costlier choice, but it does help protect your prized possession from the elements.

Paid yard storage is a cheaper option, and you can help mitigate against weather damage by investing in a quality RV cover. Again, going cheaper in the short term may cost you more in the long term. Covers can cost from $200 to over $800, so choose wisely.

RV covers made with breathable materials are the best options. Also, avoid any cheaper material that is scratchy or hard, as this may damage the exterior of your vehicle. UV-resistant material is also a great way to protect your RV from sun fade.

Consider the weather conditions in your local environment. A dry, hot atmosphere creates different dangers to a tropical or temperate climate. In the tropical heat, mould can be a real problem, while sun fade is an issue in dryer climates. See inset for information on how to prepare your RV for storage.

If you have paid (or free) storage a fair distance from where you live, ensure that you leave your vehicle fully prepared for the next trip (minus the food of course), serviced and mechanically fit. The ‘deal with it later’ attitude can result in further damage to your vehicle and headaches down the track.

Before you store your RV, check all the vents to ensure that air can circulate. This minimises the risks of mould and moisture build up.

Learn some DIY skills to keep costs down

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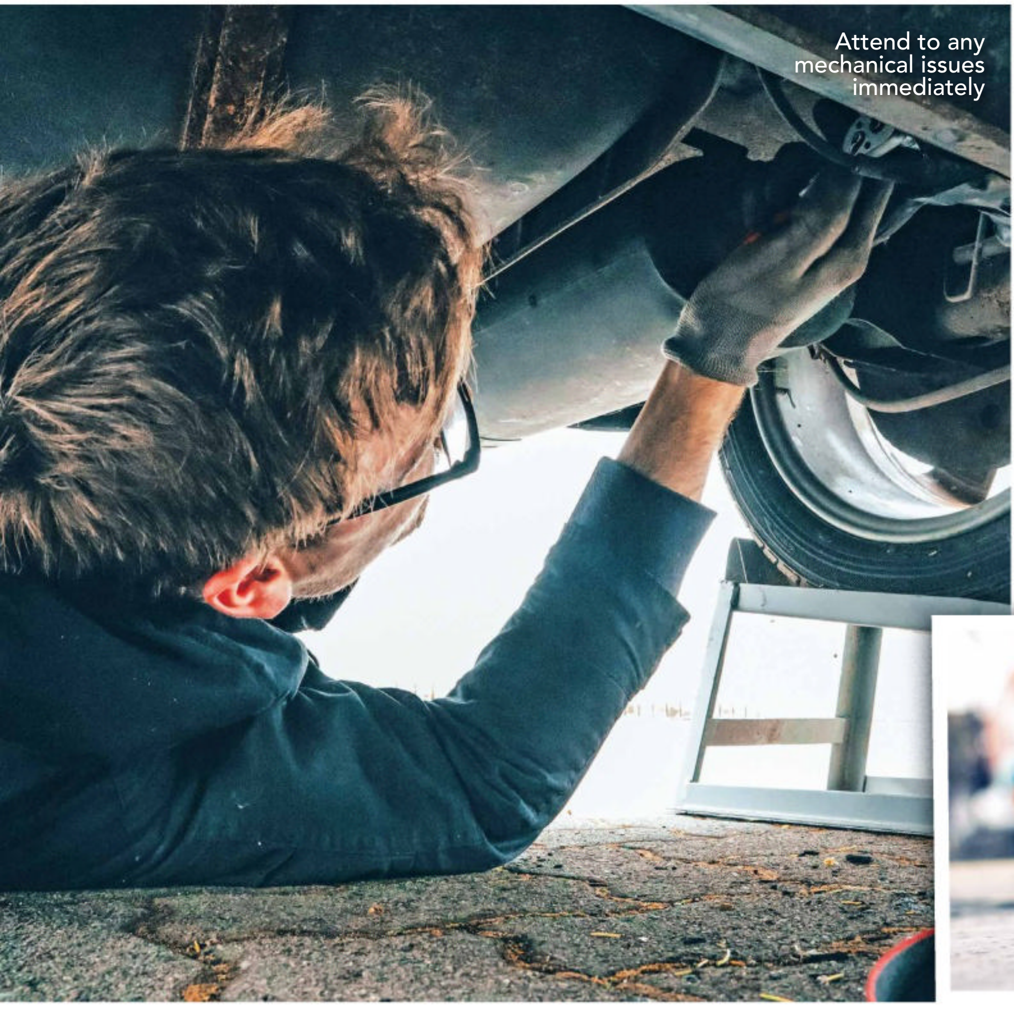

Attend to any mechanical issues immediately

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Just like cars, RVs need to be regularly serviced to avoid huge costs in the future. If you have the skills and materials, this is something you can manage yourself. However, if like many of us you're pretty useless with a spanner, you're best to leave this with a qualified mechanic. RV specialist mechanics are a good option. They're aware of what can go wrong and what to do to protect against this. A good mechanic will change the oil and various filters, check and rotate tyres, test the battery, inspect the brakes, monitor the electrical system, service the generator and potentially sanitise the interior.

Even if you have your RV serviced regularly, if you're undertaking extensive travel, such as a Big Lap, it is wise to check in with your mechanic first. You don't necessarily need a full service. Rather, you just need an educated and trained eye to check the vehicle for its fitness to travel.

If areas of your RV need repair, it is important to attend to these in a timely manner. If you leave damage unrepaired, rust can build up or leaks can worsen. The longer you wait, potentially the more expensive the repairs will be. After all, a stitch in time saves nine!

Safety is also a consideration. Impaired brakes, suspension, steering, seatbelts or mirrors can have a significant impact on your safety and that of your passengers. Never avoid safety issues to save money — the potential cost is too great.

RV ownership comes with costs and responsibilities

CLEANING YOUR RV

The occasional weekender is unlikely to create considerable cleaning requirements, but if you've been on a long trip or in a dusty or muddy area, your RV should be thoroughly cleaned prior to storage. This means that both the interior and exterior should be cleaned and prepared for their next use.

First, clean the exterior using a hose or pressure washer. You can use a soft-bristle brush to ease off any dried mud or debris. Start from the roof and work your way down so you're not having to redo the lower portions after cleaning the top.

It is essential to clean the roof. Remove any stains and rinse thoroughly after cleaning. It is worth checking the interior of your RV after this clean to check for any leaks or dribbles that may indicate that the roof has been breached.

After cleaning your RV, it's a wise idea to apply protective wax or polish. As well as making it shiny and pretty, protective wax helps to protect the vehicle's finish. If you have an awning, ensure it is completely dry before packing it away.

Clean the interior by vacuuming, cleaning the windows and all surfaces. The smallest crumb can attract an army of ants, which is not what you want to see when you unveil your chariot for its next adventure.

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Bees can be rehomed by apiarists

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PEST CONTROL

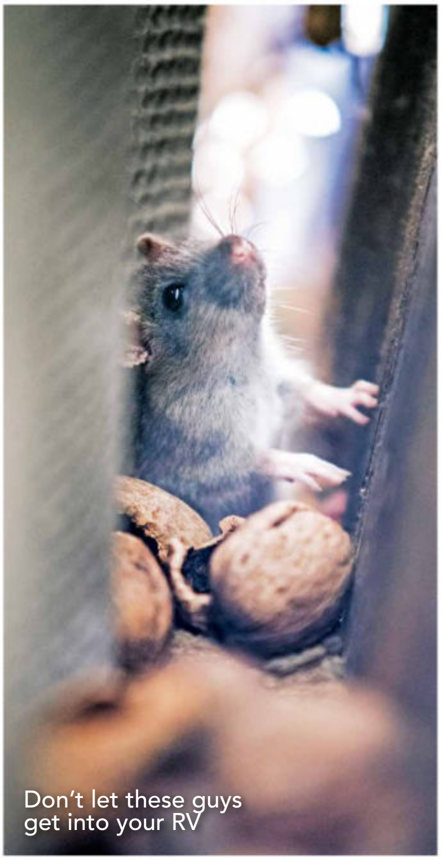
The same pests that invade our homes and create havoc are the same as those waiting to make themselves welcome in your RV. Ants, cockroaches, rats and mice are all attracted by food scraps, making a thorough interior clean vital.

To further protect your RV, check for any pest-sized gaps in the joins of windows, doors or pipes. You can fill these with silicone caulk or expanding foam to prevent the entry of pests.

Rats and mice can chew on electrical wires, so if you've had a rodent problem in the past, check your wiring prior to setting off. You don't want to discover major electrical faults while on the road. While in storage, you can help to ward off rodents using ultrasonic devices or traps. There are many alternatives on the market, including chemical-free options, so choose what's right for you.

Serious infestations may require the services of a professional. It's not a cost we want, but if the pest problem is recurring, it may be the best option. Cockroaches can be particularly difficult to eradicate and seem to multiply to the extreme. After all, the old saying is that for every cockroach you see, there could be a thousand that you don't! Disturbing thought.

We've also heard a few stories about bees swarming around RVs in storage. While bees are our friends and incredibly valuable to the environment, we don't want them on or in our vehicles. Never try to remove a swarm yourself, especially with pesticides. Call a local apiarist who will come in a protective suit and take the swarm away. This is usually free. Hobby apiarists love securing new hives so they'll take the valuable bees for free. I've even heard of an apiarist giving a jar of honey as a thank you gift for their new swarm.



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Use a GPS to avoid unnecessary detours

> Costs can be a real burden, particularly for those on a fixed income

Regular maintenance can avoid bill

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Australia's weather can leave you guessing

BUDGETING

After reading this article, you're probably thinking of the costs associated with these responsibilities. It's a great idea to do an RV budget before you travel, or ideally, before you purchase. Consider the costs, such as servicing, petrol, storage, campground fees, supplies and accessories, security costs, registration, insurance, maintenance and repairs and any incidentals. Seems like a long list, right? Well, it is, but it's all part of RV ownership. For many, their RV is their travelling home and the upkeep of a motorhome is significantly less than the costs of running a bricks-and-mortar house.

For those of us who travel part time or occasionally, these costs can be a real burden, particularly for those on a fixed income. There are ways to save on RV maintenance and these include building your own skills so you can undertake DIY duties. In terms of storage, do you have friends with an acreage or large backyard who would be willing to store your RV for free? Before considering this option, think about how far away this would be and factor in the fuel costs and practicalities of travelling to store

A reliable RV can take you on many adventures

PREPARING YOUR MOTORHOME FOR STORAGE

- Clean your RV of any food scraps, rubbish or perishable items. These can attract pests such as rats and mice, who will damage the interior of your vehicle.
- Turn off your appliances to protect the battery from draining. When you turn off your refrigerator, leave the door slightly open to avoid mould and unpleasant smells.
- Drain your water tanks. This is especially important in winter, as ice can build up and create obstructions.
- Check your battery. This can include connecting it to a trickle charger or removing it entirely for storage.
- Check for body damage or flat tyres. There's nothing worse than gearing up for a new trip and noticing damage that needs fixing before you can hit the road.
- Use a quality cover to protect your RV against the elements while it is in storage.

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Unfortunately, in current conditions, there is little we can do to save on fuel costs. Australian consumer advocacy group Choice has a web page that suggests petrol price comparison apps for Australian states and territories. Visit www.choice.com.au/transport/cars/general/articles/cheap-fuel-apps-review for more information.

Driving consistently to the speed limit, minimising the weight you carry and walking to local hotspots instead of driving are also ways you can lower your petrol costs. Keep a close eye on your tyre pressure — underinflated tyres, while required to traverse some areas, generally reduce your fuel efficiency. Plan your route carefully and keep track of your movements as you go. Driving without knowing exactly where you're headed can lead you to dead ends and unnecessary detours, further blowing out the fuel budget.

One of the best ways to protect against huge costs is to consistently care for your RV. Don't let damages or mechanical issues worsen or become out of control. Early action usually prevents catastrophe. If you do have to hire a professional, do your research. Cheapest isn't always best, but you can compare the prices of quality businesses.

You can also save money by opting for non-genuine parts or shopping around for tyres. If you take this route, ensure that the parts or tyres meet safety standards and will not compromise the quality of your overall vehicle. In some instances, branded parts must be used to comply with warranty conditions, so always read the fine print.

The Ultimate Relaxation Experience

Whether you are travelling on the road for extended periods or at home awaiting your next adventure, there's no time like the present to treat yourself to a relaxing experience.

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The outdoor pool area provides endless fun

The group package is a great deal

As a small but growing business based in South Australia, Blue Butterfly Holistic Services is all about creating an ultimate relaxation experience. From providing products by Organic Ministry to Blue Butterfly's own massage and spa treatments, there are plenty of ways to treat yourself to some pampering.

All spa and massage services are performed by fully nationally accredited masseurs and members of the International Natural Therapies Association.

Enjoy a Remedial Massage or a luxury mineral salt Spa Treatment, both of which use all organic oils and earth minerals that are beneficial for all skin types and relax sore muscles. The Remedial Massage is only $80 per hour, while the Spa Treatment is $50 per 30-minute session.

Blue Butterfly offers the opportunity for couples or groups of up to four to enjoy pampering with the beautiful Organic Ministry products, including the Bubble Bombs. Members can book the spa, pool and a massage as a two-hour package for either solo or couple sessions, at $100 per person. A healthy platter can be added at an additional cost.

Rejuvenate, relax and meet people with colourful personalities — and perhaps even create your own unique de-stressing experience such as joining the unicorn challenge race.

The Hot Stone Massage is a version of massage therapy aimed at relaxing and easing tense muscles and joints throughout your body. Not only does it relax your body, but hot stone massages are also very effective at relieving stress and promoting restorative sleep. The Hot Stone Therapy is $125 for a 90-minute session.

So whether you're a South Australian local or passing through, Blue Butterfly Holistic Services can offer plenty of relaxation opportunities to make your trip as enjoyable as it can be.

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Gear up for Gympie

With more than 100 artists performing in seven venues over four days, Queensland's Gympie Music Muster is one of Australia's original and beloved camping and music experiences.

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Festival-goers enjoying the Muster in 2022

Have you always wanted to combine your love of Aussie music, giving back to the community and camping under the stars? Then look no further than Queensland's historic music festival, the Gympie Music Muster.

Held in the Amamoor Creek State Forest in the Mary Valley near Gympie, Queensland, this four-day musical delight has something for everyone, and will run from 24 to 27 August. The Muster showcases a mix of country, roots, blues and country rock music, as well as workshops, dancing, bush poets, kids' club and more.

And while you're there, you should check out everything this diverse Queensland region has to offer, including the diverse Gympie region, Noosa and the Sunshine Coast and K'Gari (Fraser Island).

Since starting in 1982 as a community fundraiser, the festival has grown into one of Australia's most recognised and iconic fundraising events, visited by Australians from all around the country. Proudly owned by the Apex Club of Gympie, the Muster's fundamental mission is still the same: to raise funds for those in need within the community.

Founded by the Webb Brothers, in its 40-year history the festival has returned more than $20 million to community groups and charities and has held more than 2500 performances, including Aussie country royalty Slim Dusty, who has a camping area named in his honour. In 1986, the then named Commonwealth Bank Country Music Muster won the Queensland tourism award for 'Best Festival' and its popularity and reputation has only grown since.

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Saturday night fun

THE ARTISTS

Get your dancing shoes and sing-a-long lungs ready, because this year’s Gympie Muster will feature more than 100 Aussie artists, including Adam Brand, The Angels, Ash Grunwald, Ashleigh Dallas, Brooke McClymont and Adam Eckersley, Busby Marou, Caitlyn Shadbolt, Casey Barnes, Chad Morgan, Don Walker, Felicity Urquhart and Josh Cunningham, Gina Jeffreys, Hoodoo Gurus, James Blundell, Kasey Chambers, Melinda Schneider, Sara Storer, The Screaming Jets, Sunny Cowgirls, Travis Collins, Troy Cassar-Daley, The Wolfe Brothers and many more! This year’s event will also welcome US country music favourites Midland and Canadians Gord Bamford and Dan Davidson.

To find information on the full line-up, the full program and playing times, visit www.muster.com.au.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Live music isn’t the only thing the Gympie Music Muster offers. Included in the four days is a large variety of workshops and events that will keep the whole family busy, including ukulele workshops, line dancing, bush poets’ breakfast, rock ‘n’ roll dancing and more. There’s also a variety of activities and entertainment for the kids — keep an eye out on the festival’s social media pages (Gympie Music Muster) for more information.

There’s also a wide range of food and drink options at the Muster, with gluten-free and vegan options available. And if you’re in the mood for shopping, there are market stalls offering fashion, jewellery, gifts and plenty of mementos of your Muster visit.

The Wolfe Brothers

Troy Cassar-Daley

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Casey Barnes

The Gympie Muster transforms part of the forest into a camping town

The line dancing is always a great hit

TICKETS

You can currently purchase a four-day festival pass for $475 ($185 for teens and free for children under 12), which includes entry to the festival for all four days and general camping from 19 to 28 August.

The Muster operates a cashless purchasing system for bar and some food stalls. Each patron will receive a wristband which includes a chip when they first enter the festival precinct, they then need to go to a designated Exchange Booth to load money onto it. Or you can avoid queues and pre-purchase your credits from the website and they will be loaded onto your armband at the festival gate.

HOW TO FIND THE MUSTER

The Gympie Music Muster is held in the Amamoor Creek State Forest, approximately 40km south-west of Gympie. It's a two-hour drive north of Brisbane, just 45 minutes from Noosa and not far down from K'Gari (Fraser Island) and the beautiful Rainbow Beach.

The 20-minute drive from Amamoor is accessible for all vehicle types and includes some dirt road. There's plenty of signage from the town to the Muster site, so it shouldn't be too hard finding the location. Please look out for koalas and other local wildlife as Mary Valley is koala country with its breeding season in August.

CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATION

The Gympie Music Muster is famous for being a camping festival. The evening wind down with fellow music lovers is a unique and memorable experience which can be enjoyed even before the festival has begun. The nine nights of camping start on Saturday, 19 August, and are included in the cost of the four-day festival tickets. Early campers are also treated to Pre-Muster entertainment from 19–23 August, before the official start date of the festival on 24 August.

The campground is located in the stunning Amamoor Creek State Forest, just 15km past Amamoor. Please note that all camping sites are unpowered, but you are welcome to bring your own power sources provided they're not used before 6am or after 10pm. During the festival there is a Muster General Store with all the essentials for campers, including firewood and ice deliveries. There is also a pump out and water top up service that can be booked through the on-site contractor.

If you are wanting to get a kickstart on exploring the Gympie and Sunshine Coast regions before the festival begins, or secure an ideal spot, there is the 'One and Only Rope-Off' option. Gympie Muster ticket holders can purchase a camping pass to gain access to the area three weeks before the festival commences, starting at 7am on Monday 5 August. This general camping area is open and available for people to rope-off their chosen 9m x 12m camping spot, either choosing to save their spot or use camp out in anticipation of the event. Please be aware that the camping amenities do not open until 19 August, so you will need to be self-sufficient until then. The Rope-Off is only available to four-day festival ticket holders and a maximum of six adults can occupy a roped off site. These sites cost $220.

If you don't have your own camping gear, try 'Banjo's Tent Motel', which is a tent motel for a fee (prices vary per site). Banjo's tents include a canvas floor, lighting, stretcher bed, mattress, linen (sheets, a pillow and blanket), table, chairs, dedicated amenities and a communal mobile recharge station, not to mention breakfast each morning, Thursday through Monday and a free shuttle bus ride to the festival entrance. Up to five people can stay in one tent. It's advisable to book early, as it's a popular spot for festival-goers.

Camping in the beautiful Amamoor Creek State Forest

ENVIRONMENT

As one of the few events allowed to take place in a wilderness park, the Gympie Music Muster takes pride in respecting the area within which it operates. Patrons are expected to minimise the festival's impact by:

- Capturing all recyclable waste materials
- Encouraging the use of recyclable or biodegradable materials by all contractors at on site activities
- Employ practices which minimise waste
- Be mindful and vigilant custodians of this glorious, shared piece of Queensland country.

CARAVAN GIVEAWAY

For the first time ever, the Gympie Music Muster is very excited to announce that all fully paid four-day adult festival ticket holders will be in the draw to win a brand new 17ft NEWGEN N17 Off Road Caravan. For your chance to be in the draw head onto the Gympie Muster website to buy tickets before 13 August 2023, and read the terms and conditions.

MARY VALLEY

The Mary Valley, where the Gympie Music Muster is held, is an area rich with natural wonder, famous for its national parks, rolling hills, bed and breakfasts, farm stays and various outdoor activities. Take your time exploring the country villages of Imbil, Kandanga, Dagun and of course, Amamoor, the home of the Gympie Music Muster. The fertile land grows some of Queensland's best local produce, which you can taste at the local markets or farmgates.

If you're interested in spotting the Mary Valley platypus, add the Amama Park Platypus Walk to your itinerary. These small creatures can tend to be a bit shy, but the locals assure visitors they are there, so be patient. Daybreak or dawn are often the best times for spotting them, but no guarantees. Alternatively, there is another 2.5km circuit walk that winds past streams and cascading waterfalls and will deliver you at the breathtaking Diamondfield Lookout.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

Amamoor Homestead & Country Cottages
254 Kandanga Amamoor Road, Amamoor, Queensland
W: amamoorhomestead.com.au

Amamoor Lodge
368 Kandanga-Amamoor Road, Amamoor Queensland
W: amamoorlodge.com.au

Borumba Deer Park
1133 Yabba Creek Road, Imbil Queensland
W: borumbadeerpark.com.au

Bunya Grove Farm Stay
255 Amamoor Creek Road, Amamoor, Queensland
W: bunyagroveproduce.com.au

Imbil Camping Retreat
5 Imbil Island Road, Imbil Queensland
W: www.imbilcampingretreat.com.au

COOLOOLA COAST

Just an hour's drive away is the beautiful Rainbow Beach and the charming fishing town of Tin Can Bay. Tin Can Bay is a beautiful seaside village that is known for its abundant wildlife, easy atmosphere and magnificent wild-catch seafood straight from the Great Sandy Strait and Pacific Ocean. It's also one of only two places in Queensland where you can handfeed dolphins.

Saturday was a great day for relaxing with friends at the 2022 event

Rainbow Beach is often ranked as one of the best beaches in Australia and is the centre of the town of the same name. The name for the beach comes from its towering sand cliffs with over 72 different colours. The complex array of sandy tones and hues are the result of iron oxide and leached vegetable dyes since the last ice age. 4WD enthusiasts can access Double Island Point and Inskip Point which is the southern gateway to K'Gari (Fraser Island) the world's largest sand island.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

Tin Can Bay Tourist Park
54-74 Trevally Street, Tin Can Bay Queensland
W: tincanbaytouristpark.com.au

BIG4 Breeze Holiday Parks – Rainbow Beach
308 Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach Queensland
W: breezeholidayparks.com.au/park/rainbow-beach-holiday-park

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All kinds of skills are on display in the Newgen Muster Arena

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The Bullride is held on the Saturday and Sunday

Bullride action

Rainbow Beach Holiday Village
13 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach
Queensland
W: rainbowbeachholidayvillage.com

THE WEST

Miles and miles of deep blue sky, expansive wide-open spaces, rolling hills and vast amounts of country just about as far as the eye can see in any direction. To the west of Gympie are the quiet villages of Kilkivan and Goomeri, both with their own unique charm and the perfect place to stop on the way to the South Burnett Wine Region.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

Kilkivan Bush Camping
577 Rossmore Road, Kilkivan Queensland
W: bushcamping.com.au

Goomeri Caravan and Bush Camp
5939 Wide Bay Highway
W: goomeribushcamp.com.au

GYMPIE CITY

And don't forget to visit Gympie city, the commercial hub and heritage town. Elegant, turn-of-the-century buildings and a succession of charming Queenslander homes invoke memories of the town's golden beginnings. Gympie is said to have saved Queensland from bankruptcy with the discovery of gold in the 1800s. For more goldrush history, you can visit the Gympie Gold Mining Museum.

While you're there, you must ride one of Queensland's most iconic heritage steam trains, The Mary Valley Rattler. This widely enjoyed tourist attraction departs from the Gympie railway station and takes you through the spectacular Mary Valley landscape.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

Gympie Muster Inn
21 Wickham Street, Bruce Highway, Gympie
Queensland
P: 07 5482 8666

Great Eastern Motor Inn
27/29 Geordie Road, Monkland Queensland
W: greateastern.com.au

Standown Caravan Park
91 Radtke Road, Goomboorian Queensland
W: standown.com.au

YOU HAVE TO BE THERE

So, what are you waiting for? Tickets to this year's Gympie Music Muster are on sale now! Tickets can be purchased through the festival's official website: www.muster.com.au.

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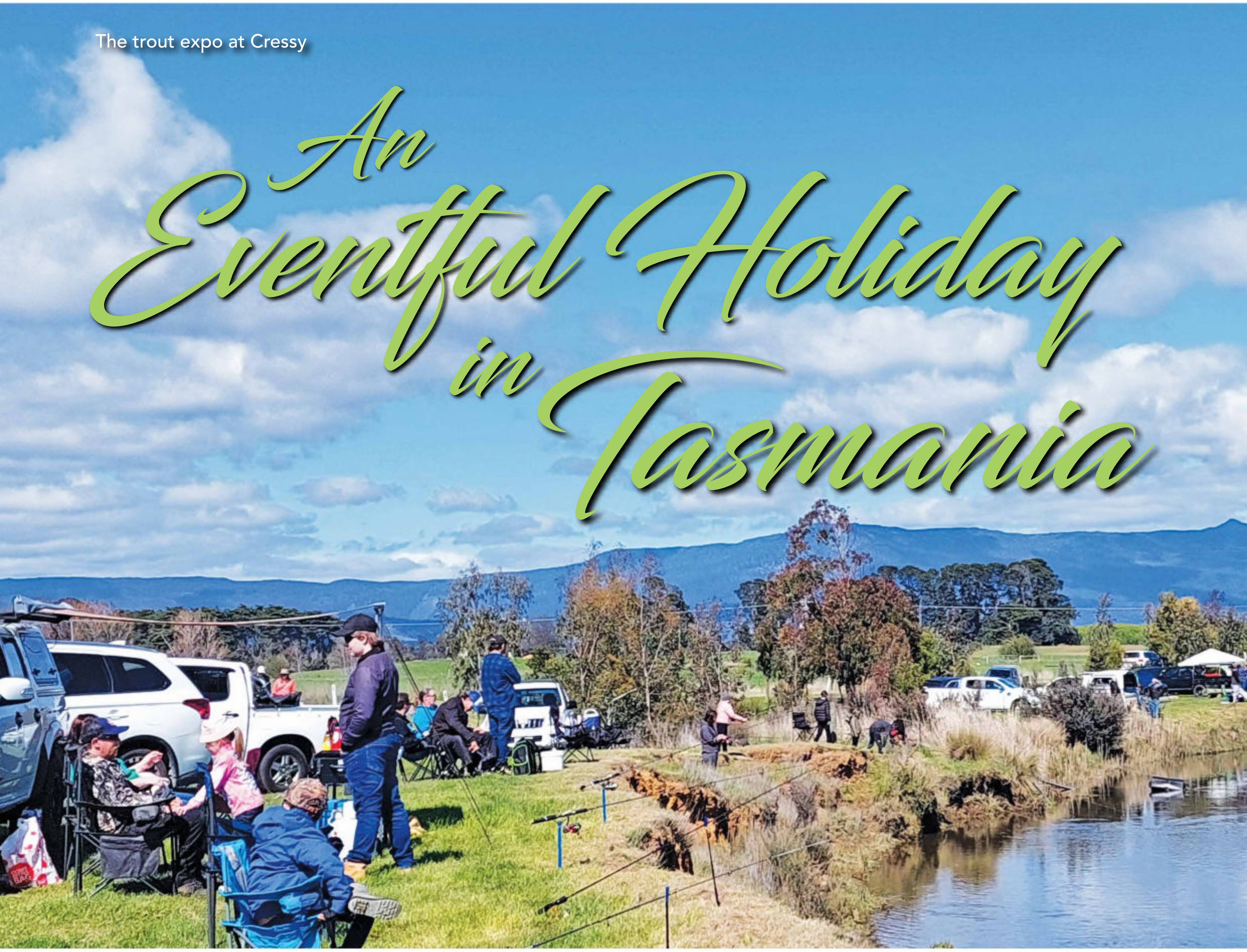

The trout expo at Cressy

It might just be possible that Tasmania's lakes, rivers, mountains, oceans, fine food, history and pristine wilderness are just not your thing, and a Tassie holiday is not part of your bucket list. But the multitude of events that Tasmania has on offer all through the year might just make a great holiday experience, surely with something to suit everyone.

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Dog trials at the Royal Launceston Show

Some curls to envy at the Royal Launceston Show

While spending five months in Tasmania over the spring and summer of 2022/2023, my partner and I were lucky enough to attend some of these events scattered throughout the island.

THE ROYAL LAUNCESTON SHOW

Our first event was the Royal Launceston Show held in October 2022. Held in the vast agricultural showgrounds of Carrick, we wandered around for a delightful day of good old fashioned country hospitality. The crafts on display harked back to the time when home baking, knitting, weaving and preserve making were all the rage. The animals in the pens were just so cute – baby goats and lambs galore. Sheep dog trials were being held, and there were also the urban dogs on display, with their respective owners suitably dressed up to match their exquisitely groomed charges. Magic shows, BMX displays, and horse and cart rides added to the charm of a lovely day out. The local Lions club did a roaring trade at its barbecue stall, just perfect for a lunch in the spring sunshine.

The winning craft item at the Show

Rainbow trout caught after the expo

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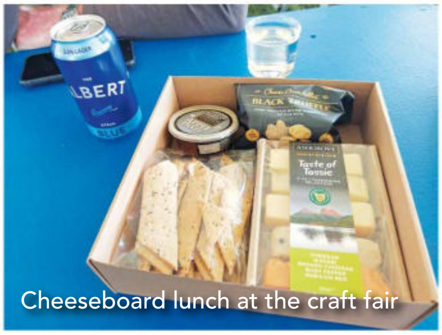
Deloraine craft fair stalls

Tastings at the Deloraine craft fair



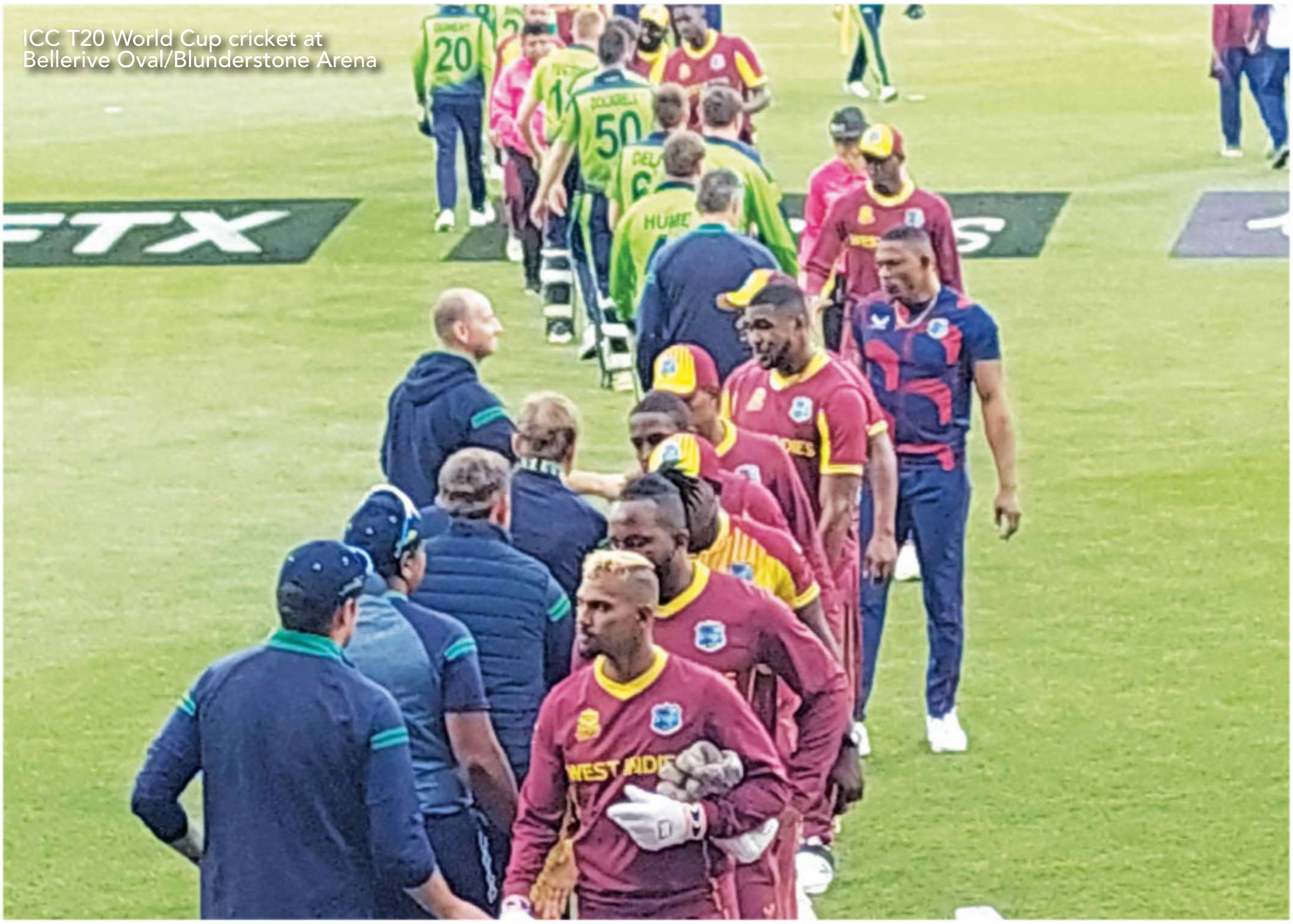
Cheeseboard lunch at the craft fair

TASMANIAN TROUT EXPO

Travelling back into Launceston we spied signs advertising a Trout Expo at Cressy. Why not, we thought. Brumbys Creek just south of Cressy has a one-day annual event held every October, sponsored by Hydro Tasmania, where hundreds of people turn up to fish for the tagged trout in the creek. With some serious prize money on offer for tagged trout, many families enjoyed the free barbecue, the fantastic sunny weather and the chance to not only catch dinner but earn some money on the side. We watched on, complete newcomers to the art of trout fishing, hoping to learn a thing or two. Inspired, my partner did catch a trout here a week later, after quizzing the locals and successful fisherman on what bait to use and the techniques needed.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRAFT FAIR

Thanks to social media and the algorithms they employ, we found out about The Australian Craft Fair. The lovely town of Deloraine on the banks of the Meander River holds this annual Craft Fair. In case you are thinking of a dingy hall with some knitting and crochet, think again. Four massive days in eight different venues with a well-oiled catering system feeding the thousands that arrive was what we experienced for a fun filled day. Free large frequent shuttle buses take you from venue to venue, and volunteers are everywhere assisting with any problem large or small. Reset your vision to include a dozen or more gin, whiskey and beer distillers eager for people to sample their wares, food trucks and cafes offering a smorgasbord of delicious food, outdoor breezy dining, and many large halls well set out with the most amazing array of crafts to be seen. Exhibitors come from the whole of Australia and the thousands of people visiting include overseas visitors especially making the trip to Tasmania to include this event. My partner had to be convinced that he would enjoy this event, but by the end of the day he was a convert to crafting; although the free whiskey samples might have coloured his vision somewhat.


ICC T20 World Cup cricket at Bellerive Oval/Blunderstone Arena

THE ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

Hobart's Bellerive Oval (known commercially as Blundstone Arena) hosted some of the games in the T20 World Cup Cricket over a week in October 2022. Neither of us had ever been to an international cricket match and truth be told I am not a cricket fan, although my partner is a cricket tragic. However, tickets were purchased, and we set off; for me a totally new experience with a book stashed in the backpack in case I was bored. Two very entertaining games kept the book firmly in the backpack. Four great teams expertly went through their paces, international cheer squads kept us entertained and the whole experience was very enjoyable. Easy parking and walking access to the venue made it a seamless day.

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T20 World Cup cricket in Hobart

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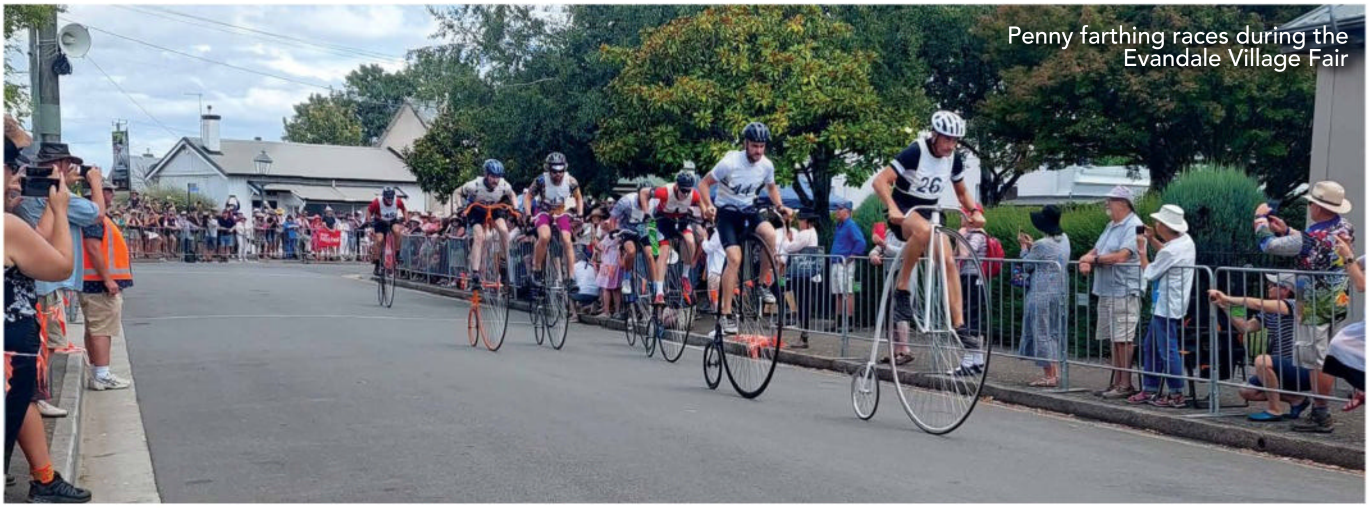
Penny farthing races during the Evandale Village Fair

Evandale village

Australia Day in Bicheno

PUBLIC HOLIDAY GALORE

The north coast of Tasmania and the Tamar Valley area has many wonderful towns to visit. Australia's oldest town, George Town, was where we ended up for Remembrance Day 2022. The very active RSL branch coordinated a moving ceremony in the park mid-morning followed by a very sociable and welcoming afternoon at the RSL rooms. The local members generously included us in the whole afternoon of catch ups and storytelling.

Australia Day 2023 is celebrated in most towns in many different ways and Bicheno on the east coast of Tasmania had some of their celebrations at the local tavern which included a very Aussie menu featuring mostly lamb, plus live music to keep us all entertained. Wandering down from the nearby van park, we were able to enjoy a great meal out and a few drinks without the issue of having to drive at the end of the meal.

Penny farthing bicycle

EVANDALE VILLAGE FAIR

Our final event we attended was in the little village of Evandale near Launceston, which holds an annual village fair in conjunction with penny farthing races every February. The whole town gets in on the act with shop keepers dressed up in period costumes, menus reflecting the past days, bands playing on the streets and the village fair on the oval set up with pony rides and hay bales to sit on. The penny farthing races are the highlight of this

Fresh poppies are delivered to all businesses in George Town

event, with numerous races being held over different ages and courses and competitors coming from the whole of Australia and overseas to compete in this very unique event. On day one the races are held on a circuit of the towns closed off streets and on day two there is a 20-mile road race. The local pub's beer garden overlooked the final stretch of the course and we luckily snared a table with a good view of the proceedings. Summer sunshine, great food, good company and surroundings made for an enjoyable day, with free camping nearby overlooking the river.

ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT

Tasmania had many more events we could have attended over the five months we were on the island; you are really spoilt for choice. We managed to fit our events in between three house-sits and loads of sightseeing and camping. A memorable fun five months of travel, enhanced by the events we attended.

Remebrance Day in George Town

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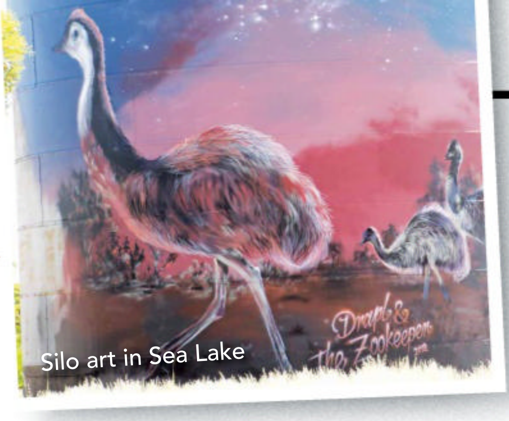
Silo art in Sea Lake

A Silo Art Tour of Victoria

Helen and Bruce take us on a tour of Victoria in their motorhome, focusing on silo art and those off-the-beaten-track locations that you must see at least once in your life.

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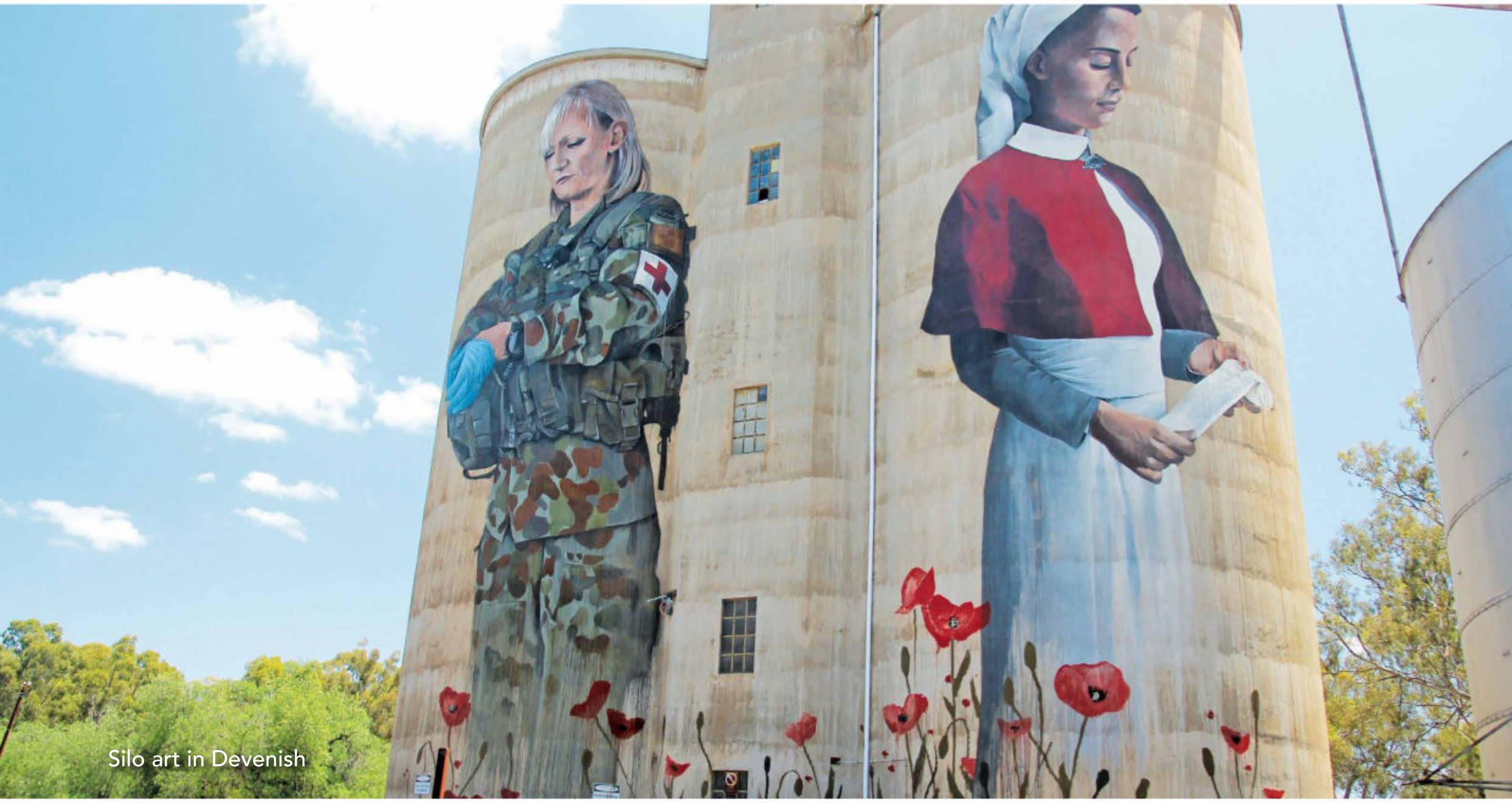
A small silo with beautiful imagery



Silo art in Devenish

What an excellent way to discover the not-so-well-known parts of Australia! We found we had a 10-day break from commitments just after Christmas. Not the ideal time to travel you say! True, but this was the longest break we would have until winter. We left on the hottest day of the summer so far. Well, we were travelling in an air-conditioned motorhome and by the time we had crossed the border into Victoria and reached the western edge of the Grampians, we had left some of the heat behind, so it wasn't really a problem.

Our plan had been to not really have a plan — maybe see Lake Hume when it was full, maybe call in at some Murray River towns and see how they were recovering from the floods, maybe get as far as the High Country and look over the Alpine meadows and the flowers I knew were on show, maybe view some of the silo art we had been reading about, maybe visit memory lane at Lake Eildon, maybe…

So, our first night was at Lake Ratzcastle (amazing name) — lots of water, very few people and free. It was much cooler and raining the next morning, so we continued to Goroke and our first painted silos. We drove through some lovely rolling countryside — what on earth was that weird-shaped rock ahead? Turned out to be Mitre Rock, part of the Mt Arapiles National Park. We drove to the top of the mount and were awestruck by the amazing colours in the patchwork of farm paddocks.

We drove into the Grampians for our next overnight stop at a small low-key caravan park — with lots of kangaroos and kookaburras. We started off at McKenzie Falls — beautiful, with no people. We then drove to Reid Lookout, and oh my

The view from the top of Mt Arapiles

goodness, so many people! So we took the back road out and went to explore the non-tourist areas of the Grampians National Park.

We found ourselves a lovely free camp on a channel of the Glenelg River outside of the park — no traffic, only birds and running water. We thought we would continue heading east — how about some wine tasting at Great Western? Our trip planner showed us some interesting back tracks, so off we went. We found flowing streams, green paddocks and some great wine. Keep heading east, we thought, so through Ararat on to Lake Bolac. We found an excellent camp spot by the lake with fairy-wrens for company.

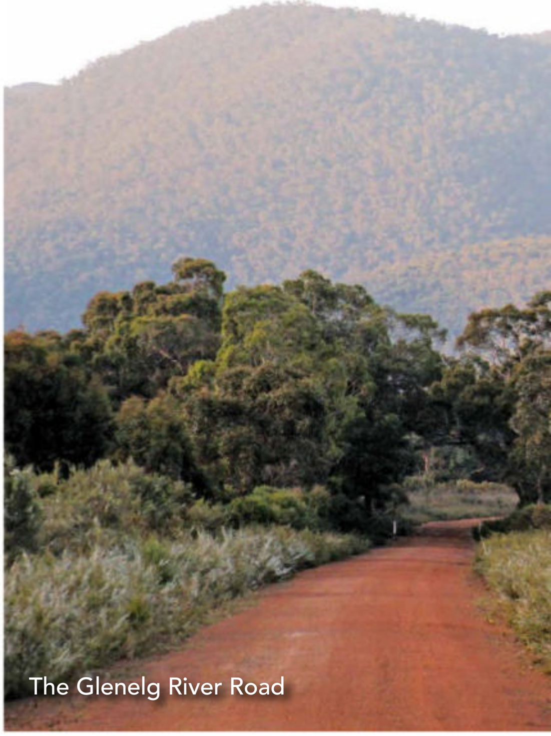
New Year's Eve in Maryborough was next, and the Highland Gathering was the next day. For a no-plan holiday, we were doing well. Where to stay? Our trip planner suggested Newstead Racecourse — an excellent choice: open paddock with some trees and brand-new ablutions (cleanest we have ever seen) including hot showers for a $10 donation! Just an aside — this was the longest racecourse in Australia at one time.

We meandered into Maldon in the morning. What a delightful town! The streetscape is almost intact as it was in the gold rush era. Surprisingly, not busy for a public holiday.

We followed some back roads (stopped at Muckleford Railway Station just for the name) and found ourselves in Castlemaine. It was another delightful town — beautiful old buildings and

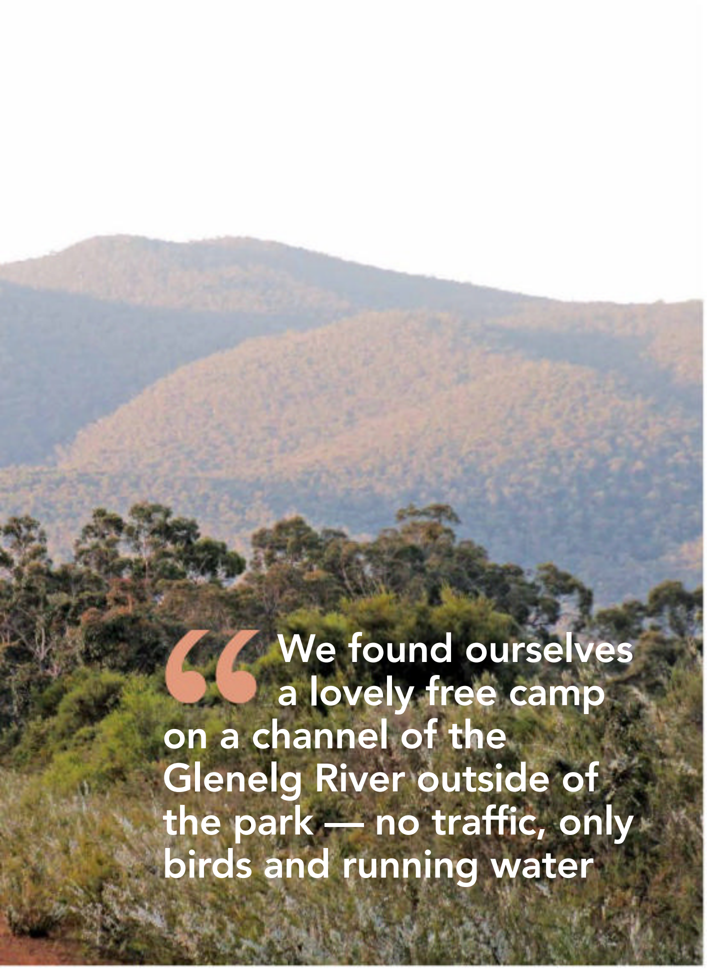
Pink rocks at Lake Tyrrell

Highland gathering in Maryborough


The Glenelg River Road

interesting Botanic Gardens. The art exhibition in the old market building was very enjoyable. Although we thought we had seen enough people, so we drove out to Mt Alexander — a free camp with flushing toilets and only a few campers, and fascinating granite rocks with moss sheets over them. It was a very long day's drive — 80km!

We enjoyed a night of rolling thunder and lightning but very little rain. We drove through Heathcote and on to Yea. This close to Lake Eildon, we decided to try lakeside camping. Oh dear! Wall-to-wall caravans, cars, boats, jet skis and PEOPLE! We were out of there and up the Midland Highway to a very small, old caravan park. Benalla the next day and a wonderfully helpful information centre. They sent us to the Winton Wetlands — a huge area complete with an art trail and



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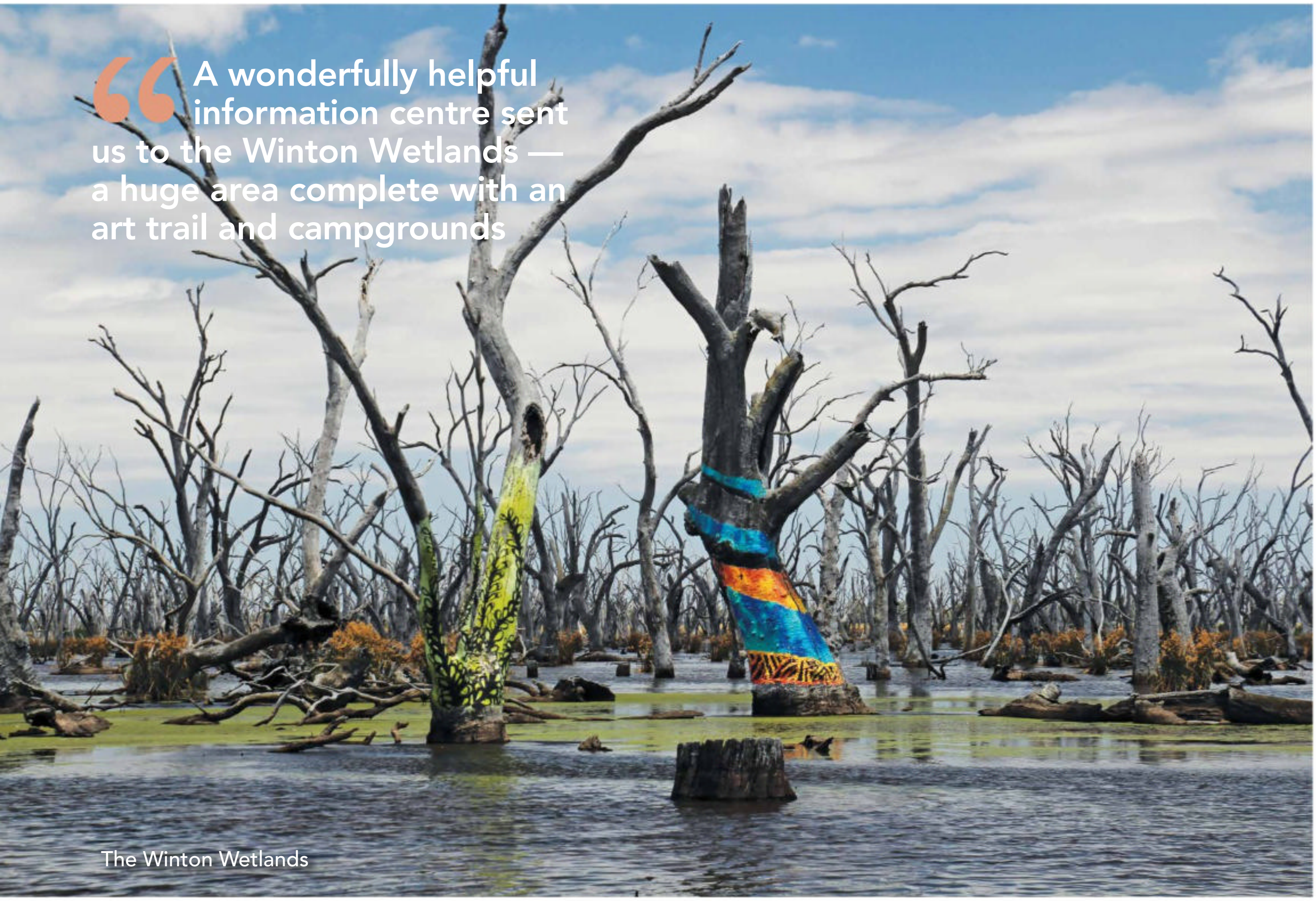

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The Winton Wetlands

campgrounds. They suggested we then follow the Silo Art Trail through Goorambat, Devenish, St James and Tungamah.

The silos were amazing, all very different but with really interesting stories and artwork — obviously working as intended by bringing tourists to these small country towns. We experienced the most amazing free camp at Tungamah on the banks of Boosey Creek — with hot showers! A $10 donation is the least we could do!

The next day we drove up to Barooga to check out flood damage from the Murray floods. The town is recovering well but some damage is evident to the riverbanks and quite a few sites were still closed. We continued our silo trail going to Colbinabbin and admiring the four silos there — love the town names in this part of Victoria!

We found our way via back roads to Kerang Golf Course where there are powered sites for $20 per night and use of amenities. Lovely and green and we enjoyed the sunset over the greens.

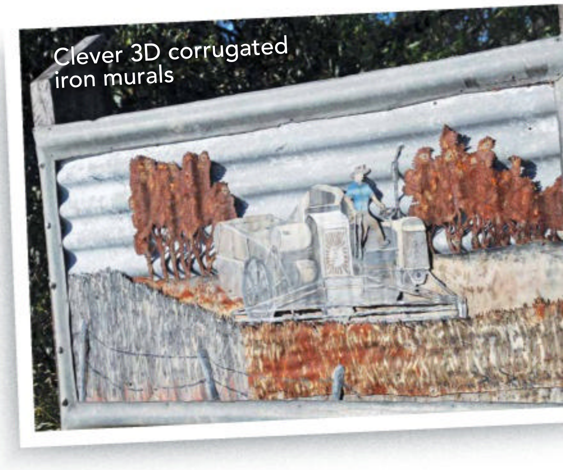
Koondrook is another river town with flood damage still to repair. On to Lake Boga, which surprisingly was not very busy. We thought we would continue on our silo trail, so we went out on Sea Lake Road. We found Lake Tyrrell and explored the new boardwalk and viewing platform — the pink of the lake and floating salt crystals made for interesting photos. NB to tourists: the boardwalk is there so you DON'T walk on the lake floor!

On to Greens Lake and then to Woomelang. There was more art on the smaller mobile silos parked around town and some very clever 3D-corrugated iron pictures all around a small lake at Cronomby Tanks. There was a lovely little campground with fireplaces, tables and chairs and toilets. Please leave a donation in these small towns, they are providing a great service to traveller.

More silos the next day — Lascelles, Roseberry, Brim. All different and all very well done. We finished at Kaniva — the silo is beautifully painted but very hard to view properly as there is a building in the way. There's an amazing flock of sheep and I think pigs throughout the town with lovely informative ear tags. The Blues Brothers and a pig adorned the hotel balcony!

Before we crossed back into South Australia, we detoured to Serviceton. We were amazed by the size of the old Railway Station building. Besides being

The Serviceton Railway Station


Clever 3D corrugated iron murals

a super busy station in its heyday, customs and border fees were paid here and there was a distinct bias to Victoria in the layout of the station. An elderly gentleman showed us around. He had so much information we can only hope he writes it all down so that history won't be lost. Heritage Australia should be involved in the upkeep of this magnificent building, which is far too much for the few volunteers that are available!

We went through Wolseley and viewed the World War II fuel tanks. We had no idea such things existed in that part of SA. We found a lovely little caravan park in Coonalpyn by the swimming pool — power and showers for $5. Unfortunately, it was back home the next day through Wellington and Milan. River levels were up but no flooding yet.

We were so impressed by the silo art we viewed, not just one trail but multiples and all exceptionally well done. It's a great way to explore the back roads and small towns of Victoria and see the countryside you wouldn't normally go through on the main highways. We have learnt there are many more trails to follow, so the next trip may be to ……?

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UPDATE

CMCA now manages or owns a network of self-contained RV parks and a caravan park. These are spread across all states and territories except for Victoria. We will continue to investigate potential sites for expansion of this network, and the ongoing provision of information relating to sites from members is appreciated.

For these parks to be successful and remain open, and to develop more of them, we need the support of members when travelling in these regions. The current cost of $3.00 per vehicle plus $2.00 per adult per night (members) is very reasonable and happy hour with fellow travellers makes for an enjoyable stay.

All CMCA RV Parks should be open this month, depending on the availability of Park Custodians. We are preparing to close CMCA RV Park Geeveston at the end of this month for winter. Our northern parks in Qld and NT have now reopened for the dry winter months. Be sure to book in advance when travelling during these peak times.

CMCA RV PARK PENOLA, SA OFFICIAL OPENING

Kim Templeton, Richard Barwick, and Sean Constable were in attendance for the official opening of CMCA RV Park Penola on Wednesday 22 March at 10am. This opening was originally planned for early 2020, however Covid-19 created some hurdles for that event. Mayor Des Noll and Kim unveiled the commemorative plaque and spoke to the 20 CMCA members in attendance. Light refreshments were provided to those attending and guests enjoyed a happy hour barbecue that evening too.

UPGRADES AT CMCA RV PARK HUMPTY DOO, NT

The owner of the Humpty Doo Hotel was able to secure a grant to assist with the construction of toilets and a septic system upgrade within the RV park. Guests will soon have the choice of using their own RV toilet or accessing the park toilets at a higher nightly fee. The extra charge will go towards cleaning costs of the amenities which will be undertaken by Humpty Doo Hotel staff. You will need to decide prior to making your booking. The Park Custodians will provide you with a code for access to the amenities when you arrive if you have paid the extra nightly fee.

NEW CMCA RV PARKS

Geelong, Vic

CMCA staff and Chairman Kim Templeton met with Geelong City Council staff on-site at a block of land near the new Spirit of Tasmania terminal in Geelong on 20 March. CMCA has submitted a proposal to use the site as a low-cost self-contained RV park. Council will consider this proposal, along with other possible community uses in the coming months. We will then be notified if the project will proceed or not on this site.

Branxton, NSW

Unfortunately, CMCA had to withdraw its development application for the RV park at Branxton due to proposed conditions being placed on us by Cessnock City Council and the Rural Fire Service. These conditions would have made the RV park unviable for CMCA. Council staff will continue to work through some of the issues raised with the hope that CMCA will again be offered the management of the site in the future. In the meantime, Branxton RV Park will continue as a free camp run by volunteers and council.

Tenterfield, NSW

Following a successful meeting with the Motor Museum and Councillors in Tenterfield in March, CMCA will now prepare a submission to develop and operate an RV Park adjacent to the Motor Museum.

CMCA CHAPTER EVENTS

CMCA has over 100 Chapters within the club. These are groups of members usually location or interest based, who get together regularly and enjoy a weekend at different locations. Members are welcome at chapter events even if they are not a member of that chapter, but please contact the organiser to confirm your attendance. If you are interested in joining a chapter or attending any of their events, please check out *The Wanderer*. Upcoming chapter events are also listed in *The Wanderer*.

Our CMCA RV Parks are great locations for chapters to get together for a long weekend. Recent chapter events included Geeveston and Railton in Tasmania.

Below: Chairman Kim Templeton, custodians Deb and Col Wild, and Business Development Officer Sean Constable at the official opening of Penola

Below: Island Wanderers 30th birthday at CMCA RV Park Geeveston with the Huon Pine Pioneers.

Photo credit: Greg West

“THE PEOPLE’S POST”

36TH NATIONAL RALLY – DALBY, QLD
8-14 OCTOBER 2023

Welcome to the Third edition of ‘The People’s Post’.

REGISTRATIONS

We are now up to 381 registrations so thank you everyone who has already signed up.

Registration forms for the rally are included in this edition of *The Wanderer*.

BINGO

The Dalby Leagues Club has Bingo on Thursdays and Sundays starting at 10.30am to around 12.30pm. If you would like to participate, an external town bus can take you to the club. Don’t forget to bring your dabbers with you.

TOURS

Western Downs Tourism is offering some great tours, including:

- Bunya Mountains
- Miles Historical Village
- Garden Hideaway’s
- Dalby Saleyards
- Farm Tour
- Power Station

Members will be able to pre-book tours, with booking information and costs available on the CMCA website Events page within coming months.

HAPPY HOURS

Each day from 4pm, Happy Hour will be held in the food plaza with entertainment beginning at 4.30pm and continuing in the main marquee from 7pm.

FOOD TRADERS

One of the great food options available at the rally is the Smashed Spudz food van which will feature Mexican and Aussie cuisines. The van has vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options so everyone is covered for choice.

SEMINARS

The Seminar Coordinator, Sheri Crawshaw, has some great seminars organised and there will be something for everyone including:

- E-bikes demonstration
- Affordable mats
- ProMa products
- Insurance in the RV Industry
- iPads, tablets and apps tips and tricks
- Kingsley Winery
- RV park custodians
- McGrath Breast Cancer and Prostrate nurse seminar
- Thermomix
- Kite flying
- Home brew craft beer
- How to choose your next RV
- Trucks and RVs sharing the road
- XPedition Tagalong Tours
- TV antennae conversion
- BlazeAid
- Disc bowl rules and regulations
- rvSafe
- How to get the best out of your iPhone camera

And much, much more!

QUILT SHOW

There is going to be a Quilt Show on in Dalby from the 8–14 October at the Seniors Citizens Hall, corner of Roach Street and Condamine Street, from 9am to 4pm. There will also be art quilts on display at the Anglican Hall, corner of Warrego Highway and Cunningham Street from 9am to 4pm. Entry fee to both venues will be $5.

The external bus will have drop off points at Coles in Condamine Street and Woolworths in Cunningham Street.

VOLUNTEERS

Applications are now closed; however, we are still looking for volunteers to teach Line Dancing as well as a supervisor for the Poet’s Breakfast. If you are able to assist, please reach out to the rally team at dalbyrallymanager@gmail.com

More information will be available in the next edition of The People’s Post.

See you in Dalby.

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59 Nicholson Street, Dalby Qld

8 - 14 October 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

Surname	**Preferred Name**	**Membership No.**	**Chapter**

Are you bringing children or a dependant? Yes ☐ No ☐ *If yes, please attach a separate sheet of paper with their names*

CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

Phone:

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WHAT VEHICLES ARE YOU BRINGING? (please circle)

Motorhome / campervan / caravan / fifth-wheeler / slide-on	Rego.
Secondary / passenger vehicle	Rego.
Length of main vehicle fully extended	metres
Length of secondary / passenger vehicle	metres
Total length of ALL vehicles (coupled)	metres
Will your secondary vehicle remain attached?	Yes ☐ No ☐

OPTIONS

Have you attended a National Rally before?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Are you bringing a pet? *(max 2 pets per vehicle)*	Yes ☐ No ☐
Would you like to be parked in an area for extended generator hrs (8am to 7pm)?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Do you require restricted mobility siting? (A current 'Limited Mobility Authority' needs to be displayed on your windscreen)	Yes ☐ No ☐
Power lead length (if applying for power) 30 metres is recommended	metres
Do you have an Amphibian 15-10amp	Yes ☐ No ☐

FEES

A. RALLY PLAQUE			
Would you like to receive a Rally Attendance Plaque?		Cost $5	$
B. REGISTRATION FEES			
	No. of persons	Cost per person	Total
Early registration until 22/09/23		x $95.00	$
Late registration from 23/09/23		x $120.00	$
C. SITE FEES			
Site	No. of nights	Cost per night	
Unpowered site		x $15.00	$
Powered site (only available if staying for full duration) SOLD		x $22.00	
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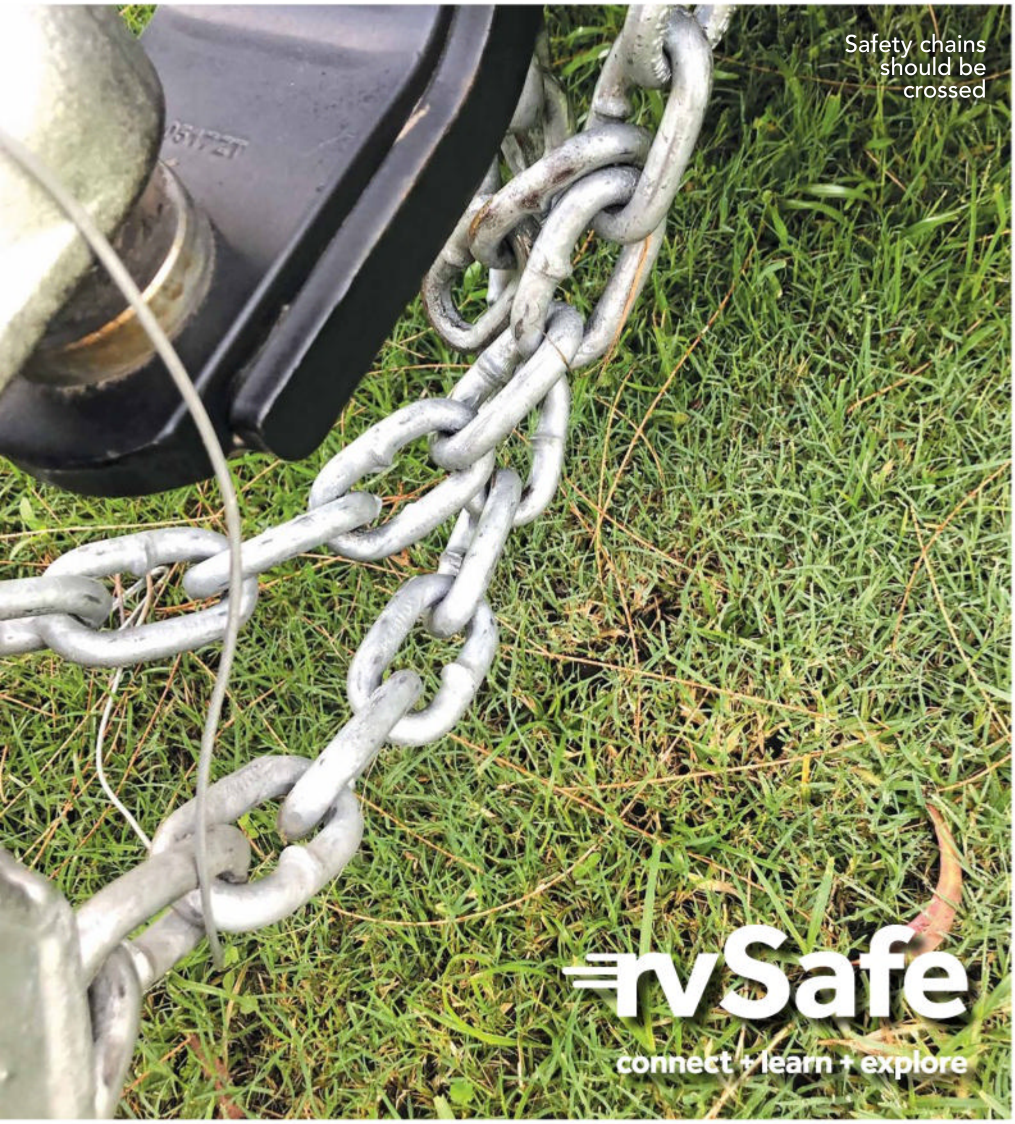


Safety chains should be crossed

SAFETY CHAINS AND SHACKLES FOR TOWING

WORDS RVSAFE TEAM

Safety chains are required for all trailers, and trailers with an aggregate trailer mass (ATM) over 2500kg require two chains. While most know they need to connect these chains to their vehicles; many don't realise that the type of chain and shackle used matters.

SAFETY CHAINS

For a trailer with an ATM of up to 3500kg, chains need to meet the requirements of AS4177.4 or have a cable which is appropriate for the application.

For a trailer with an ATM exceeding 3500kg, a steel chain with a minimum of 800 MPa breaking stress conforms to the mechanical properties of a Grade T chain as specified in AS2321 is required.

The chain must be permanently attached to the trailer, they cannot be shackled. Below 3500kg ATM, the chain can be welded to the drawbar with the weld forming 50 per cent of the circumference of the link but the first link in the chain must have unfettered movement.

Once above the 3500kg ATM, then you need to use rated pin lock couplings. No welding is permitted. Placement needs to be practical, and if two points of attachment are needed, then you must place one on either side of the drawbar's centre line.

Safety chains must be stamped with the chain's capacity, the manufacturer's identification and the digits 4177.

AS4177 requires steel safety chains by the following:

- Up to 1.0 tonne, a chain size of 6.3mm
- Up to 1.6 tonnes, a chain size of 8mm
- Up to 2.5 tonnes, a chain size of 10mm
- Up to 3.5 tonnes, a chain size of 13mm

Your safety chains should not be so long that they reach the ground. If two are required, they should be crossed under the coupling so that in the event of the trailer decoupling, it should fall and be caught by the chains. They also cannot be too short that you are unable to make tight turns.

If your chains are not long enough, you can extend them with a hammerlock by cutting the current chain so that one welded link stays attached to the trailer and attaching a new longer chain with the hammerlock. Note: you cannot make the chain longer with additional D or bow shackles. Only one of these per chain is permitted and is used to attach the chain to the vehicle.

SHACKLES

Safety chains may be attached to the towbar attachment points with a bow, D or pin-shackle and are subject to the performance requirements per ADR 62/01 or 02 – Mechanical Connections between Vehicles.

Types of shackles:

BOW-SHACKLE — O-shaped body that is enclosed at the end by either a threaded clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

D-SHACKLE — U-shaped body that is enclosed at the end by either a threaded clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

PIN-SHACKLE — a device integral to a towbar, which may consist of brackets and a bolt, clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

Circular 0-1-3: Safety Chain Connection Devices for road trailers which are up to 3.5 tonnes (3500kg) aggregate trailer mass (ATM) states:

“Bow-Shackles and D-Shackles that comply with Australian Standard (AS) 2741 are rated for lifting applications and have a breaking load marked on the shackle that is higher than the Working Load Limit (WLL). Since the loading on these shackles is different when used to attach a safety chain to a road vehicle as compared to when used in lifting applications, a road trailer may be towed that is heavier than the shackle’s WLL.”

Everything you need to know about a shackle should be stamped on it. This includes its working load limit (WLL), manufacturer name or trademark, grade stamp and identification marking to correlate the shackle to its test certificate.

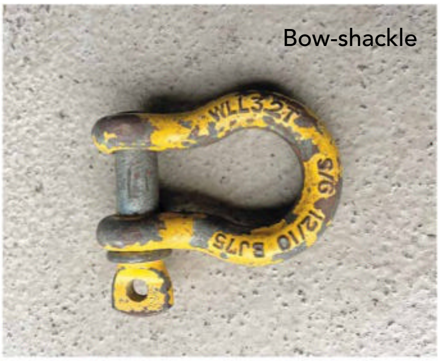
The shackle needs a break limit that is 1.5 times the ATM of your trailer. Generally, the break load limit of a rated shackle will be six times greater than its WLL.

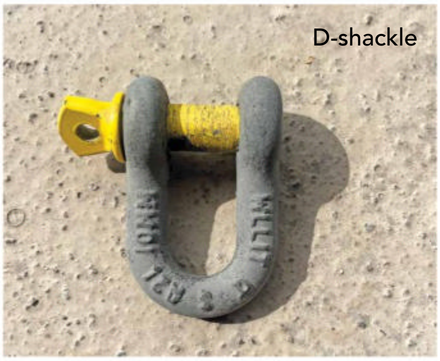
Typical shackles recommended based on trailer ATM:

Trailer ATM (kg)	For Bow or D-Shackles complying with AS 2741			
	Minimum shackle Working Load Limit (WLL) (kg)	Minimum size of shackles (Body diameter, not pin size)		
		Grade M (or 4) D-Shackle (mm)	Grade S (or 6) D-Shackle (mm)	Grade S (or 6) Bow-Shackle (mm)
0-1,000	250	6	6	5
1,001-1,600	400	10	6	6
1,601-2,500	625	13	8	8
2,501-3,500	875	16	10	10

A new style of shackle has also come to market that is of a hook style, to make connecting easier. As long as the hook is stamped correctly and compliant with AS4177, this can be used in place of a D or bow shackle. Circular 0-1-3 does make it clear that “there is no legal obligation to follow this material, it is the responsibility of the person or the company to demonstrate to state or territory road authorities that a particular safety chain connection device is appropriate for the combination vehicle.”

Finally, despite what you may have read online, the shackles can be any colour.


Bow-shackle


D-shackle

Chain attached to the A-frame

D-shackle

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Find out more at rvsafe.com.au

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Based upon the information supplied in this application, persons who own a qualifying vehicle may be granted ordinary membership and those who do not own a qualifying vehicle may be granted associate membership.

SECTION A

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Mobile: ____________________ Email: ____________________

Partner's name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other) ______________________________

Preferred name: (to be printed on membership card) ______________________ D.O.B: ____ /____ /____

Mobile: ____________________ Email: ____________________

Postal address: ____________________ Suburb: __________ State: ____ Postcode: ______

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Vehicle Type *(please circle)* campervan / motorhome / fifth wheeler / slide-on / caravan / camper trailer / other

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Conversion: completed by (e.g. factory name, DIY etc) ______________________________

Year: ______ Length: ______ (m) Height: ______ (m) Fully loaded weight: ______ (kg)

I/we declare that the information I/we have supplied in this application is true and correct. If this application sets out the particulars of a qualifying vehicle, I/we declare the accuracy of these particulars and that I am/we are the owner(s) of the vehicle described. I/we agree that if this membership application contains any false or misleading information, my/our membership of the Club may be cancelled. I/we agree to abide by the constitution of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Limited. I/we give permission to receive commercial electronic messages (email/SMS) from the Club and understand that I/we can withdraw this permission at any time.

Applicant's signature: ____________________ Partner's signature: ____________________ Date: ____ /____ /____

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Return application to: CMCA, PO Box 254, HRMC NSW 2310, Australia. Enquiries@cmca.net.au

CMCA Self Contained Vehicle (SCV) Application

Please view the full Self Contained Vehicle Policy on the CMCA website

The vehicle must have installed the necessary fit for purpose manufactured equipment to be considered as self-contained.

Water Supply

- The vehicle shall have a fresh water tank or bladder specifically manufactured for the storage of potable water. This tank may be on-board (fitted) or external (non-fitted).
- The fresh water tank should be of rigid construction with appropriate valves to prevent foreign matter or contaminants entering the tank.
- When travelling, any portable water container shall be securely fastened within the confines of the vehicle so as not to cause any hazard.

Sink/shower

- The vehicle shall be fitted with an installed and plumbed sink. Additional sinks, hand basins and shower are optional. Every sink, hand basin or shower fitted shall be supplied with water from the fresh water tank and shall be drained to a grey water tank.
- External showers that are used for ablutionary purposes and in so doing create grey water would not comply. External water outlets used for rinsing or filling purposes are not seen as a grey water issue within the context of this policy.

Grey Water

- No grey water is to be discharged from a self-contained vehicle unless allowable by local authorities or access to a dump point is impractical.
- Sinks, and where fitted hand basins and showers, shall be drained to either an on-board (fitted) grey water tank or an external (non-fitted) grey water tank (tote).
- A tote shall be connected to the vehicle by a drainage pipe with a water tight seal and have a working shut off valve to avoid overflow.
- A tote may be used for discharging and transporting of grey water from any vehicle to a disposal point, providing the vehicle discharge point has a permanently installed shut off valve and the drainage pipe to the tote is connected by a water tight seal.
- When travelling, a portable grey water tote shall be securely fastened within the confines of the vehicle so as not to cause any hazard.
- Liquid waste is not to be collected or removed in open buckets or containers.

Toilet

- All black water is to be contained in holding tanks or cassettes to be disposed of in a dump point, or if no appropriate facility is available in accordance with the CMCA Bush Camping Code (available on the CMCA website)
- The vehicle shall be equipped with a toilet, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Portable toilets: These must be a proprietary brand portable toilet manufactured for the specific purpose.
- When travelling, a portable toilet shall be securely fastened within the confines of the vehicle so as not to cause any hazard.

Rubbish

- A sealable refuse container to hold rubbish for disposal of a permanent or disposable type into an authorised disposal receptacle.

To qualify as a CMCA self-contained vehicle, the member vehicle shall meet the requirements of the SCV Policy.

Members who are satisfied their vehicles meet the SCV Policy may nominate their vehicle as self-contained on the CMCA website. Any nominated vehicle accessing a CMCA RV Park or other RV accommodation site limited to self-contained vehicles, will be required from time to time by the CMCA RV Park Custodian or other authorised person to demonstrate its ability to meet the SCV Policy.

DECLARATION

I/we hereby declare that our vehicle as described below, complies with the above regulations to be considered as self-contained and I/we have read the SCV Policy and adhere to the LNT Code of Conduct.

Name .... Member no. .... Signature .... Date ....

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Vehicle/unit rego # .... Make .... Model .... Manufacturer .... Year of manufacture ....

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Leave No Trace® (LNT) Code of Conduct

As an environmentally conscious recreational vehicle owner, I/we hereby agree to the following:

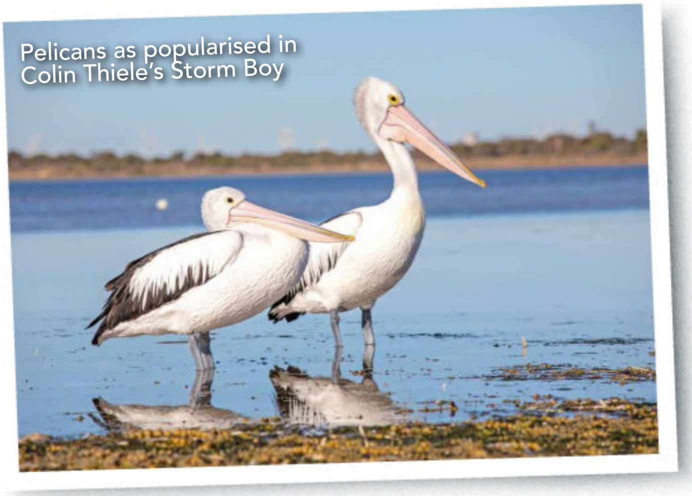
- To have my vehicle comply with the CMCA Self Contained Vehicle (SCV) Policy and to display the SCV accreditation on my vehicle at all times.
- To stay in any approved rest area for the period that the accommodation vehicle can be self-contained or as designated by the relevant signage. This includes obtaining any necessary permission from controlling authorities and or payment of fees where applicable. When camping in other locations please observe the CMCA Bush Camping Code.
- To always take care of the natural environment and respect community facilities to ensure future generations of RV travellers can continue to enjoy what local authorities have provided.
- To park my vehicle so as not to obstruct reasonable passage, exit or access to other vehicles or property. To be courteous and do not park in a manner that impedes the movement of other vehicles especially in rest areas used by heavy transport.
- To dispose of all rubbish, and grey and black water in an appropriate manner.
- Where time and means permit, support local communities and businesses as an appreciation for the facilities that have been provided.

Kylie Tennant's old stomping grounds at Crowdy Bay National Park, NSW

AI CAN'T OUTWRITE HENRY LAWSON

On the emergence of text-generating artificial intelligence (AI) programs and why they'll never be a substitute for human creativity.

WORDS AND PICS SAM RICHARDS AND EMMA WARREN



Pelicans as popularised in Colin Thiele's Storm Boy

Have you used an artificial intelligence (AI) chat bot to generate text?

Nowadays, I often see targetted ads about text generating technology that can allegedly write text just as well as a literate human. Simply provide it with a prompt, such as "write a column about the outdoors", to save time and effort.

These tacky ads don't necessarily represent the view of skilled technophiles. So, for a long time, I'd dismissed such software out of hand, assuming its output would be robotic, tone-deaf, and unsophisticated. But when Tesla founder Elon Musk commented that AI text-generation was causing him "existential angst", I thought I ought to come out from under my rock and pay programs like ChatGPT some attention.

As a general rule I've found the writing to be on par with a Year 9 English assignment, which is an underhanded compliment at best; the output isn't quite right but it is sufficiently human-like to unsettle me. It's less interesting to ask these programs a question, like you would a search engine; the surprising results come when you ask it to do something creative – like writing a story or poem.

ARE JOURNALISTS BECOMING EXTINCT?

Are journalists, bloggers, content marketers and (God forbid) columnists going the way of the dodo? During the industrial revolution, textile spinners lost their jobs due to the advent of machinery; perhaps it's not that far-fetched that those of us who spin a yarn in the 21st century will soon be made redundant?

The day I read a piece of literature that makes me sit on the edge of my seat or brings a tear to my eye, only to discover it is produced by artificial intelligence, is the day I head into the woods, construct a log cabin, and ask my AI chat bot how to grow vegetables.

Fortunately, I don't think AI will ever be able to write a piece of work that has half a claim to kiss the feet of the authors on your favourites shelf, or mine. At least not any time soon.

I recently travelled to Crowdy Bay National Park, and it was only later that I discovered that one of my favourite Australian authors, Kylie Tennant, had lived in nearby Laurieton during the Second World War and used a log cabin within the National Park as a writing retreat. As a sorry sideline, the original Kylie's Hut was destroyed during the 2019-2020 bushfires.

Tennant's 1941 novel, *The Battlers*, is an examination of the Great Depression of the 1930s, and its impact upon the itinerant unemployed of outback New South Wales, who sought work and constantly moved from place to place. Tennant immersed herself among this crowd to report on the crisis and gather material for her novel.

The premise of AI text-generation is similar to the idea of hack writing. Rather than writing from inner inspiration, a hack will sound out the general mood, see what other writers are doing, and punch a bland sandwich of text that conforms to the expected form and style. A hack writer isn't out in the New South Wales bush, living it rough and putting themselves in the shoes of the people they're writing about.

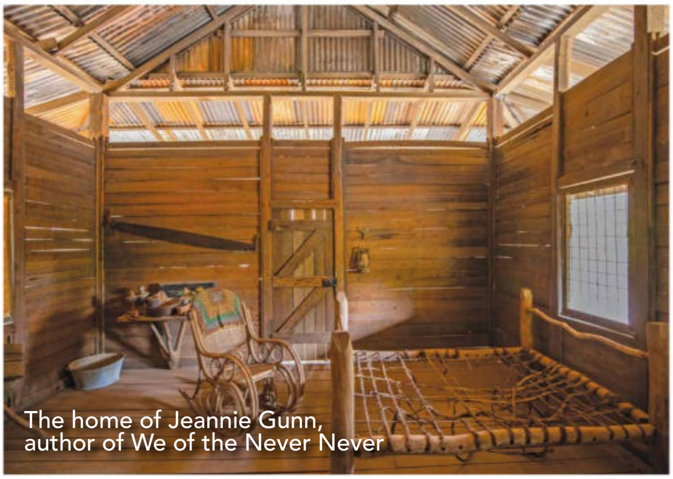
A DISGUSTING TASTE

Tennant was irked by the suggestion her work was similar to Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, stating she'd never read the American classic. The books shared an economic crisis in common, resulting in similarities, but both authors arrived at their work independently. If what some AI chatbots produce is not technically copy and paste plagiarism, that's just because it's a

Ferns in Richard Flanaghan's home state

-WE OF THE NEVER NEVER-
ELSEY REPLICA
Jeannie Gunn's historic abode in Mataranka

The old homestead at Toorale National Park


The home of Jeannie Gunn, author of We of the Never Never

slightly more sophisticated method of unoriginality. To use an analogy, rather than selling Coke under a different label, bad AI mixes together a bunch of the best well-known drinks – Lift, Fanta, Sprite, Coke, and Pepsi – before putting it on the shelf as an 'original' beverage. You can't pin it down as a rip-off, but it tastes disgusting.

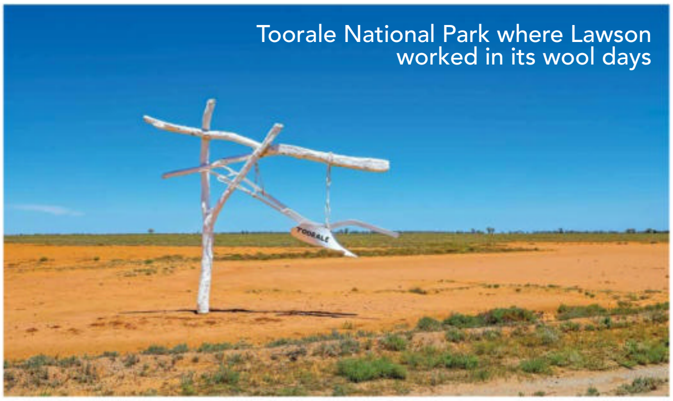
The failure of AI as a literary writing tool would appear to be foretold in this old kernel of wisdom: "write what you know". An AI program can't know anything; that privilege can only be earned through a couple of million years of evolution. If you ask an AI bot, "where in Australia is Bylong", the words "New South Wales" may appear on the screen, but there is no underlying consciousness that truly understands that Bylong is in New South Wales – even less so are there shoes on the ground, a human mind gaining a sense of place.

A rich inner world inspires all quality writing. Without it, not only is there no source of inspiration, but there's also no way to sense-check what is being or has been written. Whatever happened to the long-winded, self-loathing editing process? Can AI ever hate itself enough to write anything of merit? The risk is that it will forever pop out eerie, inauthentic sentences, like a person trying to act the part who clearly doesn't get it, or who uses the thesaurus too liberally.

AI chat bots scour their databases to detect patterns, but patterns will never have the trait of originality, which is surely a prerequisite for greatness. Emotions cannot be reduced to code, consciousness is more than a set of rules, and we can't predict how a writer will react to complex emotions well enough to be able to mimic their response with programming.

My fallback argument is that if an AI bot ever writes something good, I'm crediting the programmer as the author.

Turns out Kylie Tennant, Henry Lawson, Henry Handel Richardson, Joseph Furphy, Ruth Park and Miles Franklin are safe for now. The 'bush' is the prompt that inspired a list of classical Australian authors longer than your arm, yet they all dealt with this prompt in their own way. Through their work, we can experience Australia of old, as well as their own way of understanding it. Who will you be reading this winter?


Toorale National Park where Lawson worked in its wool days

The sort of high country Banjo Patterson had in mind

Crowdy Bay National Park, NSW

LETTER *of the month*

CHAIN REQUIREMENTS

Thanks Leigh Wade for your reminder about following your checklist diligently (*The Wanderer* March 2023). I am pleased it ended safely for you. If I may offer my understanding of the chain requirements, which are:

- The Australian Design Rules (ADRs) no longer mandate that the light trailer (caravan) 'A-frame' does not strike the ground. Several state regulatory bodies did have a requirement that the 'A-frame' not strike the ground but they are slowly updating their rules in line with ADRs. As you rightly observe, there is no way most will not strike the ground.
- It has been recommended to cross the chains in various jurisdictions but not as I am aware, mandated. It is however a requirement in the ADRs for some heavy vehicles. Apart from providing a catch net for the 'A-frame', crossed chains can also usually be coupled up a bit tighter as the slack length changes less on sharp turns than if it is not crossed.
- ADRs require that a chain must not be attached on the underside of the A-frame where it might come into contact with the road. This is to prevent the exact wearing situation that befell you. Underneath attachment has not been excluded in some state regulations in the past.

The above requirements are relatively recent in their application and there are many caravans that would have complied with the regulations (various state-based guesses) at the time at they were registered. This is a minefield for enforcement agencies and possibly an area where insurance companies may take advantage.

As a footnote I have long argued that chains on caravans (are in most circumstances) a hindrance to safety especially if the trailer has breakaway brakes, but that is another story.

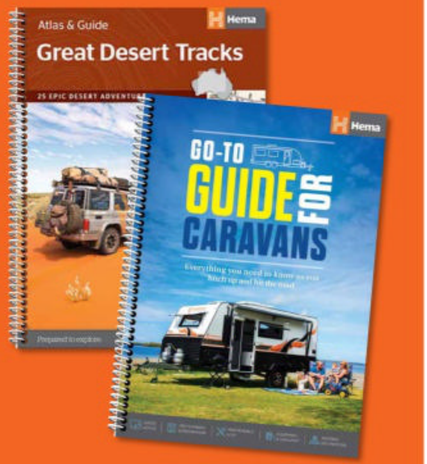
Ian Smith
V130112

WIN A HEMA PACK

Great Desert Tracks Atlas & Guide: Explore the arid centre with this comprehensive guide to traversing Australia's desert regions. Whether you're a desert lover, or just looking to tackle some of Australia's favourite 4WD destinations, this informative guide is an indispensable companion to this country's arid centre. This edition includes handy track profiles showing elevations and distances as well as points of interest, camping areas and supply points in one easy-to-follow graphic.

Go-To Guide for Caravans: From windswept grey nomads to sun-kissed newly-weds, Hema's *Go-To Guide for Caravans* is a vital companion for every kind of caravan-hauling holiday maker.

Produced in collaboration with *Caravan World* magazine, the *Go-To Guide for Caravans* covers everything you'll need to know, presented in an easy-to-read format with plenty of pictures and, of course, a handful of Hema maps.



We want to hear from you!

Write in to have your say about stories featured in the magazine, your travels, or your thoughts on the RV sector and where it's headed, for a chance to win this great prize!

This issue's Letter of the Month takes home Hema's latest *Great Desert Tracks Atlas & Guide* and *Go-To Guide for Caravans*.

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ON THE MOVE

It was a pleasant surprise to see my letter published in the last edition of *The Wanderer.* On top of that I received a bunch of excellent publications sent from HEMA! Very nice of them indeed so please relay on to them how happy we were to receive that gift pack.

We have been motorhome bound for a few weeks, just home a couple of days ago. We started at Goulburn then on to Temora to see the war birds – they have restored and all their aircraft are certified to fly, including two WW2 Spitfires. Totally classic planes, love their air shows. We visited the CMCA site in Temora, of course.

Then onto Junee, Wagga Wagga for a new tyre, down to Gundagai, stayed on the Murrumbidgee River bank, then across to Tumut, Batlow (which needs our support), Tumbarumba on to wonderful Khancoban with its spectacular lake front camping, then we tackled the grand Alpine way past Mt Kosciuszko, through Dead Horse Gap to Thredbo.

Then on to another lake front camp on Lake Jindabyne – a perfect spot. Always aiming at Bombala then on to stunning Mallacoota. One of the best caravan parks in Australia, all waterfront and a waterway that's surrounded by classic hills and views. Back up through Tathra and Bega, Bermagui, Tilba Tilba with the final night in Berry. Each one of these towns has a public pool, good to refresh on a hot Aussie day. Berry pool was a classic, maintained to perfection as were all the others we utilised, not bad swimming for just a few dollars.

Go overseas you reckon? I don't think so! (Fuel used diesel 227 litres , mileage 1876 km ,12 litres per 100km, average cost per night $22).

Steve and Beth Leonard
N103115

FIRE DANGER RATINGS AND SIGNAGE

In the January magazine, the summer safety article regarding fire danger ratings and signage is incorrect.

Fire danger ratings and signage went to an Australian standard last year where every state uses the same ratings and roadside signage.

Can I advise you to check the NSW RFS website so the article can be rectified in the CMCA magazine.

Peter Ardill
N124405

Hi Peter,

Thank you for your letter and alerting us to the old imagery we used. We will ensure that the new ratings and signage are displayed in any future stories on the topic. It is important for all Australians to be aware of these nation-wide changes and remain aware of fire danger, no matter the time of year. The Australian Fire Danger Rating System website also gives a good overview: www.afdrs.com.au

Thanks,
The Wanderer team

OVER AND OUT

It is with regret that I inform you that after many years, I will not be renewing my annual membership with the CMCA. It is not about you. More about me.

I am now 88 years old and, as it turns out, my driver's licence now only allows me to drive 30km or so away from home. So, that's that then. Circle of life. End of an era.

But as I say farewell, I do so with only fond memories and gratitude for many years of connection and enjoyment with the CMCA community.

My wife, Hilda, and I joined CMCA in the late 1980s. We retired, bought a Toyota ute and had a Winnebago shell put on the back. It had a bed, kitchenette, dining table, toilet, shower and a Suzuki 175 perched on the bumper. It was, back then, something of a novelty. We would pull into rallies and people would come knocking to have a look, as you do. Our now-adult grandchildren grew up playing in the back and joining us on camps.

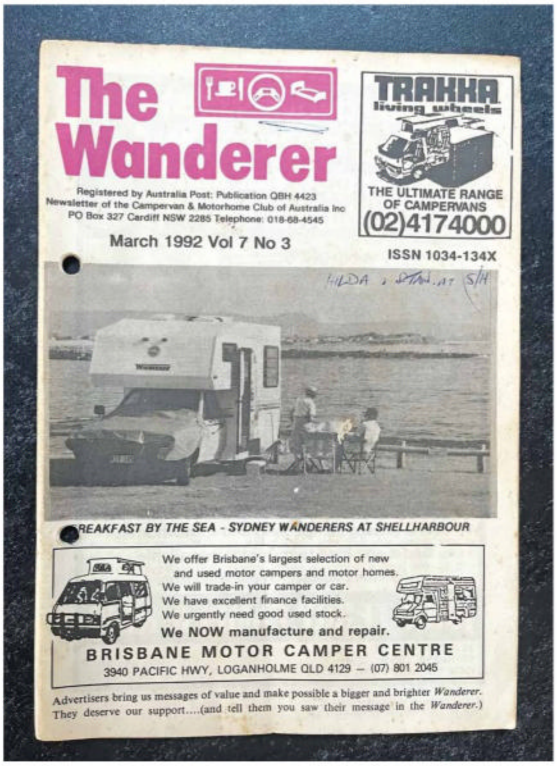
It was through the CMCA that we met travellers who would become our closest friends over the next decades. We went to rallies and camps, took off on interstate jaunts, drove around Australia twice, had fabulous adventures and laughed about our embarrassing engagements with truckies on the CB radio. We watched as vehicles became more sophisticated, but regardless, enjoyed the same camaraderie in a camp spot somewhere under countless beautiful Australian sunsets and stars.

One day our edition of *The Wanderer* arrived in the post – March 1992, Vol 7, No 3 – and after some time we realised, there was a photo of us and our beloved Winnie on the front cover.

Our Winnebago did not survive an accident in the desert many years ago, and some years later, my wife Hilda passed away. I stayed on for some years with the CMCA driving a converted ambulance van, but over the last few years, that generation of friends has all gone, one by one. There's only a few of us oldies left now.

I'm starting to sound morose so I'll just finish by expressing my thanks to the CMCA for many years of connection, joy, friendship, memories and adventure in the great Aussie outback, and hand it over to the next generation.

Stan Downey
N1312



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GREAT SCALLOP PIES

I'm very happy to let you know that Bakery 31 in Ross, Tasmania, which is displaying the CMCA WELCOME signage in the window gave us a 10 per cent discount upon showing membership card today. The scallop pies were great as well.

Robert Innes
N111780

CLARIFICATION: WILD LUPINS

In the Best of Both Seasons feature in the March issue of The Wanderer, *wild lupins were pictured and mentioned as flowers to spot while in Tasmania's Mount Field National Park. While these are beautiful, and a quintessential cottage garden flower in many countries, wild lupins remain an aggressive and invasive species in the wilderness areas of Tasmania. Thank you to Philip Sumner T90570 and his colleague and fellow members of the Australian Plants Society (APS) Hobart group, for educating us on this point.*

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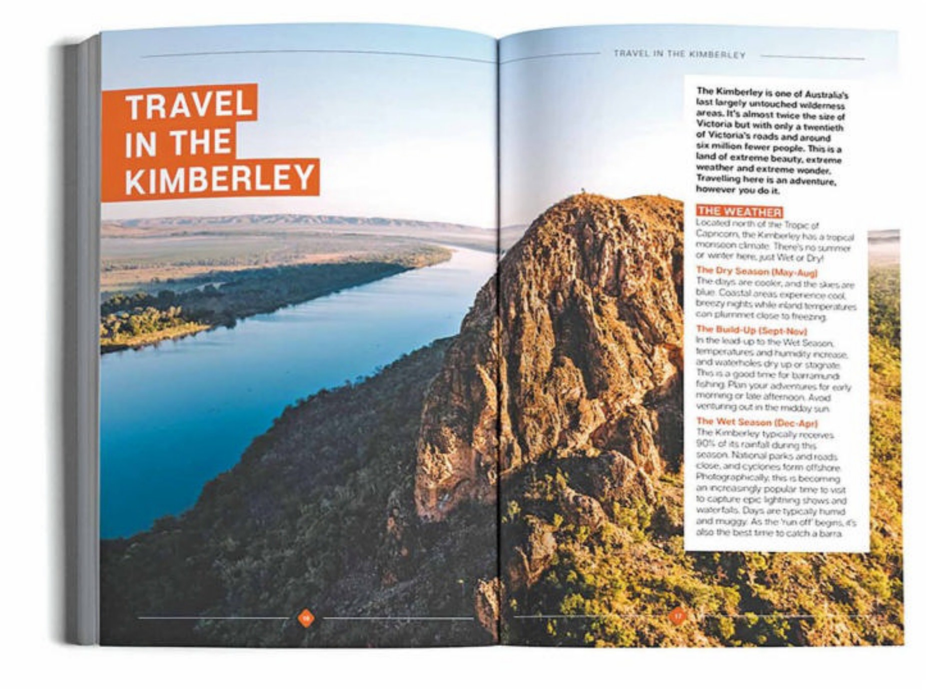

TRAVEL IN THE KIMBERLEY

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The Kimberley is one of Australia's last largely untouched wilderness areas. It's almost twice the size of Victoria but with only a twentieth of Victoria's roads and around six million fewer people. This is a land of extreme beauty, extreme weather and extreme wonder. Travelling here is an adventure, however you do it.

THE WEATHER

Located north of the Tropic of Capricorn, the Kimberley has a tropical monsoon climate. There's no summer or winter here, just Wet or Dry!

The Dry Season (May-Aug)

The days are cooler, and the skies are blue. Coastal areas experience cool, breezy nights while inland temperatures can plummet close to freezing.

The Build-Up (Sept-Nov)

In the lead-up to the Wet Season, temperatures and humidity increase, and waterholes dry up or stagnate. This is a good time for barramundi fishing. Plan your adventures for early morning or late afternoon. Avoid venturing out in the midday sun.

The Wet Season (Dec-Apr)

The Kimberley typically receives 90% of its rainfall during this season. National parks and roads close, and cyclones form offshore. Photographically, this is becoming an increasingly popular time to visit to capture epic lightning shows and waterfalls. Days are typically humid and muggy. As the 'run off' begins, it's also the best time to catch a barra.

For most Australians, there's almost nowhere further away than the Kimberley. It's not hidden or anything – it is, after all, nearly twice as big as Victoria and about the same size as Germany. It's just in the opposite corner of the continent from where most people live. Even from the capital city in its own state, it's a three-day drive.

For award-winning tour guide Scotty Connell, he wouldn't have his backyard any other way. Having grown up in the Kimberley, listening to his next-door neighbour Malcolm Douglas' stories of wild adventure, he's made it his mission to know everything there is to know about this northwest corner of Western Australia. That's probably why his first guide to the region sold over 10,000 copies, even through the lockdowns and lockouts of COVID. After all, if you're travelling 5000kms to get to a place, you want to be shown around by a local.

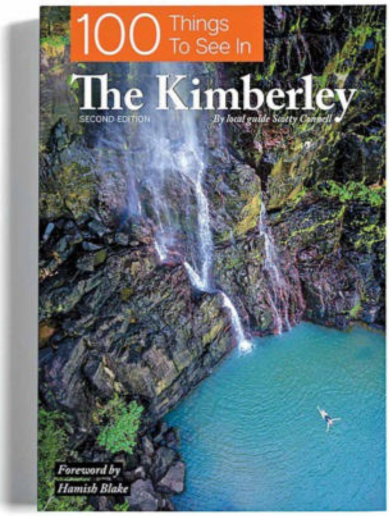
In time for the beginning of the 2023 dry season, Connell and indie book publisher Exploring Eden Media have completely updated his bestselling travel guide, *100 Things To See In The Kimberley*. This book is bigger, delves deeper into the Indigenous culture of the Kimberley, takes readers further off the general tourist trail, burrowing down into the best bits of the area according to a bloke who grew up there.

Connell says of this second edition of the book, "I've always known the Kimberley is the best part of Australia, and it's so awesome that so many people want to come and check it out. I've poured my soul and nearly everything I know into this book, and you'll find some genuine gems if you explore my backyard with it."

In the foreword to this edition, Hamish Blake says, "To meaningfully connect and explore in a place of German-sized proportions, you have two options. Wander around aimlessly for years and years, hoping you discover the magical pockets and treasures the Kimberley has waiting for you (seems inefficient), or use the knowledge of someone who has lived and breathed the place and knows the land and its secrets by heart. I would definitely recommend the latter strategy, and the man to share that knowledge is Scotty."

Like the first edition, *100 Things To See In The Kimberley: Second Edition* is published in A5 format, so it's small enough to fit in a backpack or a glovebox rather than left on a coffee table. Expanding from 180 to 228 pages, there's more detailed information, more secret spots and more advice for travellers, whether they're coming by plane, car, 4WD, with their caravan or even with a dog. There's everything visitors need to know to explore like a local.

100 Things To See In The Kimberley: Second Edition goes on sale for $29.95 on 1 May at all good bookstores, everywhere travellers gather in the Kimberley or on exploringedenbooks.com. Every copy sold plants a tree.



BMPRO RELEASES NEW DC-DC CHARGER RANGE

BMPRO
PROBOOST40
40A DC - DC CHARGER
Charges auxiliary batteries to a full state of charge
Rugged design for resistance to dust, water, shock & heat
Under bonnet or in vehicle installation
Multi stage & multi battery chemistry selector
Dual input - MPPT solar and a vehicle's alternator
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RV power management leader BMPRO recently released its new ProBoost range of DC-DC chargers, tested to perform in Australia's harshest climates. "When developing ProBoost, BMPRO set out to launch a rugged, robust and versatile DC-DC charging solution for a dual battery setup in your 4x4, SUV or ute that also allowed flexible installation for any type of adventure," said Brad Hooper, BMPRO marketing manager.

"The result is a product finely engineered and tested to ensure your battery is charged up and your 12V DC accessories are ready to go on arrival – whether that be your camping fridge keeping your drinks cold or your 12V lighting ready for the first night at camp," Brad continued.

ProBoost is ideal for adventurers of all types, allowing you to use your devices when parked without interfering with the vehicle's main battery, and charging a second battery for even longer offroad adventures.

Durability is front and centre with the ProBoost range, and it is suitable for engine bay installations as well as in the vehicle canopy or cabin. It can withstand fully sealed, potted and rugged roads, not to mention heat, dust, mud and the vibration of corrugated roads.

ProBoost is compatible with all common battery chemistries including lithium LiFePO4 and lead acid. The high-power density design of this innovation provides charging efficiencies of up to 95 per cent. The battery chemistry can be changed at the touch of a button.

If running on solar, ProBoost blends both the solar and auxiliary inputs of a vehicle together simultaneously to ensure there is always a consistent charge to the secondary battery. It includes a full in-built MPPT solar regulator to maximise solar input.

ProBoost is suitable for both standard and smart vehicle alternators and a range of protective features are built into the charger such as overtemperature, overvoltage and undervoltage protection to guard the battery's charging capacity. This new range complements BMPRO's existing MiniBoost range of 12V DC-DC chargers which are specifically designed to work with BMPRO's battery management systems.

Head online for more information: www.teambmpro.com.

SOLID GPS TRACKER

WORDS **JOHN FORD** PICS **SUPPLIED**

None of us wants to lose our valuables, and it can be a worry, especially on the road, that somebody might steal things. The Solid GPS tracker is an Australian-made product developed by a young Melbourne-based group of innovators. Small enough to easily conceal, it will track its location anywhere it can receive a Telstra signal – so hide it in your van, boat or vehicle. I have one in my camera bag, which can easily be mistaken for a spare battery. A very handy feature is that you can track the location of the GPS and whatever it is hidden in on Google Maps as it travels.

When your vehicle moves, your tracker will detect that movement and update your vehicle's location every 2–5 minutes.

Solid GPS has just released a new model tracker with a 12-month battery life. Measuring about the size of a cigarette packet – remember them – the black body is discreet and can be placed anywhere to receive a signal.

Subscription to the tracking service is $6.99 a month or $69.99 a year and you can hook up with a 31-day free trial.

The new model increases the range to three depending on battery size. They start at $157, and the latest version is $247. Order through www.solidgps.com.

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NRGVAULT PORTABLE POWER STATIONS

NRGVAULT
SONY

LASER, Australia's homegrown consumer electronics company, has unveiled its NRGVault-branded range of portable power stations, featuring two inaugural models, the PV500 (288Wh capacity) and PV1500 (1228Wh capacity).

NRGVault's portable power stations deliver a wide range of benefits for indoors and outdoors, home or on the go. Portable and lighter than previous generations of mobile power, it is a great accessory to take camping to power up lighting, run a mini-fridge, portable speaker, bug zapper and even a coffee maker. Or to ensure your laptop, phones, drone or photographic equipment always stay charged.

The NRGVault range is powered by a LiFePo4 Battery, the safest battery type in use. It can charge to 85 per cent in under 90 minutes via a wall socket charge and lasts up to five times longer than lithium-ion batteries. The range comes with a standard three-year warranty.

In addition to traditional charging via a wall socket, the NRGVault range also comes with available additional accessories including a 12V DC cable for car charging and an option for solar panel charging to ensure consistent ability to recharge even when off the grid – a compelling option when camping or caravanning. Head online for more information: www.laserco.com.au.

DRINKMATE OMNIFIZZ

WORDS JOHN FORD PICS SUPPLIED

Who doesn't like a cold fizzy drink on a hot day? Not many would be my guess. But for some, the thought of a sugary soft drink doesn't appeal because it's too sweet or the calories are a worry. And while DIY drink carbonators have been around for years, they are generally restricted to getting bubbles in only water.

This new system from Drinkmate is different. It looks and works the same as similar systems, but it will fill any number of beverages with hearty bubbles.

According to the company, the key is its patented Fizz Infuser technology. The Fizz Infuser provides a two-stage pressure release control that safely and efficiently lets you carbonate virtually any drink. So, you can easily add tasty sparkle to water, juice, iced tea, cocktails, wine, and more! With Drinkmate, you can be creative and explore new sparkling drinks that weren't even possible to make before. And you control what goes in them to avoid excessive sugar and harmful chemicals.

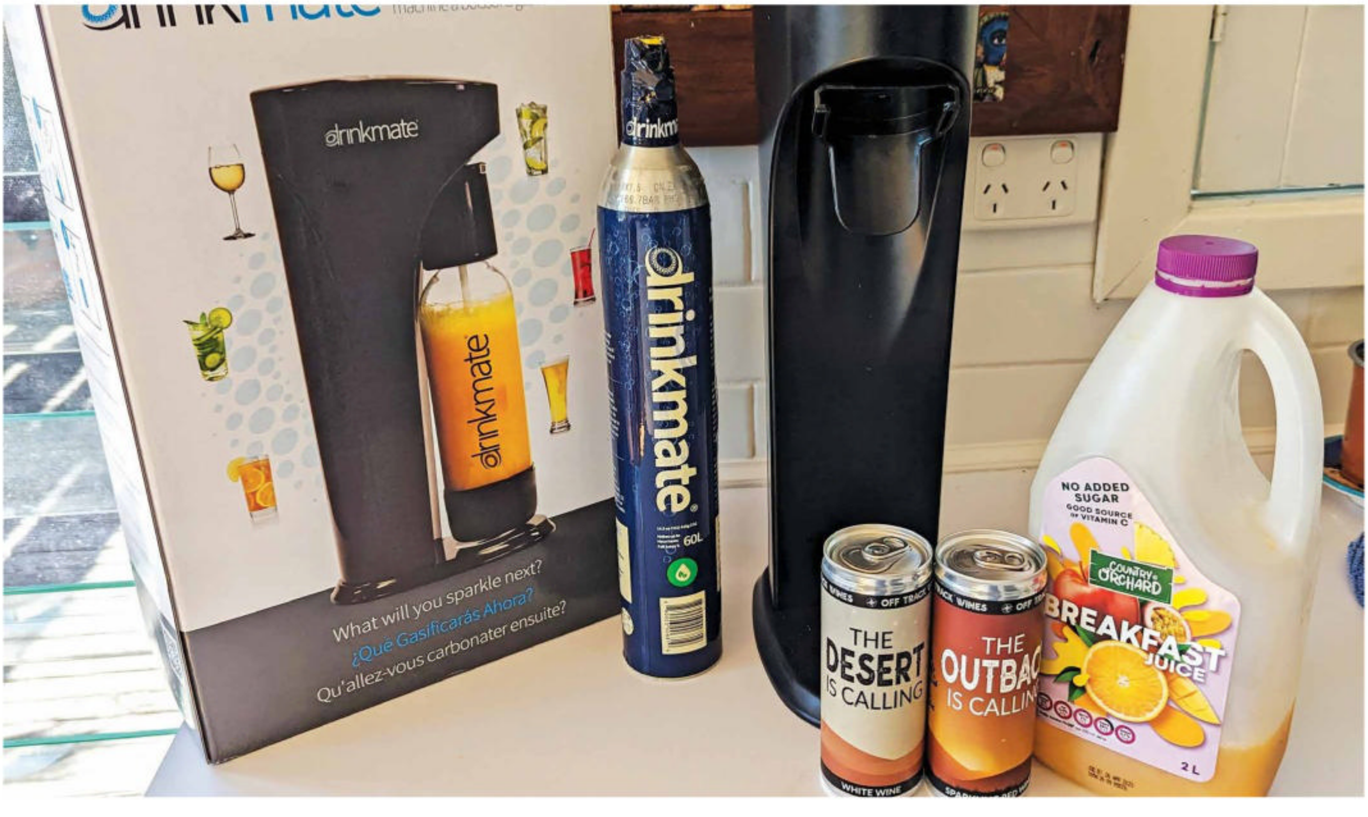
The Drinkmate uses 60L compressed food-grade CO2 without the need for batteries or electricity. The cylinders are commonly available at supermarkets.

It's easy to install the CO2 cylinder into the back of the Drinkmate. First up, we tried carbonating some water, and it was superb. Loading was easy, and two blasts on the top tab was all it took. The bubbles were full and very effervescent, giving a delightful and refreshing drink.

Next, I thought orange juice with pulp might be a test, but the process was smooth and tasted great. There was no blockage in the fizz infuser, and a quick spray under the tap had it as good as new.

We tried a bottle of still white wine, and while it didn't turn into a $100 bottle of French champagne, the result was palatable and a bit of fun.

The OmniFizz comes in Arctic blue, white, red and black and retails for $102, including a proprietary bottle. Extra bottles cost $17 for a twin pack, and a spare Fizz Infuser costs $30.



AN AUSSIE APPROVED MEAL

We put a fancy spin on a great Aussie cook-up!

WORDS ANJI BIGNELL PICS SUPPLIED

BACON AND EGG CUPS

TOTAL TIME: 30 minutes
SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 12 bacon strips
- 12 free range eggs
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Chopped chives

METHOD

Pre-cook bacon strips on the frying pan with some olive oil, just until partially cooked but not crisp.

Set bacon aside on paper towels.

Use an old muffin tray and grease each cavity with the bacon grease.

Wrap a bacon strip around the edge of each muffin cup, crack an egg in each hole and season with salt and pepper.

Place the muffin tray over a grill or cooking plate over the fire and cook until bacon is crisp and the eggs are firm.

Sprinkle each cup with chopped chives and serve.

CAMP OVEN MAPLE ROASTED LAMB

TOTAL TIME: 1 hr 40 mins SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5kg leg of lamb
- 5 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2cm piece of ginger, finely grated
- 3 tsp smoked paprika
- 4 tbsp maple syrup
- Salt and pepper, to taste

METHOD

Preheat your camp oven with the lid on, on top of a hot fire until there are hot coals.

Whisk together oil, lime juice, garlic, ginger, paprika and maple syrup in a small bowl. Season to taste.

Place lamb in your camp oven and brush with maple and honey mixture. Roast for 1.5 hours or until medium rare.

Rest for 10 minutes before serving with vegetables.

DAMPER SCONES

TOTAL TIME: 45 minutes SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups self-raising flour
- Pinch of salt
- 80g butter, chilled
- ¾ cup water
- ¼ cup sultanas

METHOD

Combine the flour and butter in a bowl and mix together with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs, then mix in the sultanas.

Slowly add half the water to the dry mixture and combine well. Add the rest of the water and make into a dough (add more flour if it is too wet and sticky).

Turn the dough onto a floured board and knead into a round shape.

Cut into six equal pieces and dust with flour and roll into balls.

Place a trivet in the camp oven and add some grease proof paper on top of the trivet.

Place scones on the paper and place the lid on the camp oven over medium-high heat for around 30 minutes, checking with a skewer.

Serve with jam and cream.

Tow vehicles and caravans are certainly getting heavier

CONSIDERING THE RV INDUSTRY'S CURRENT WEIGHT AND POWER TRENDS

WORDS AND PICS MALCOLM STREET

Several trends are going on in the recreational vehicle (RV) world at the moment and at least two of them were to be seen at a recent RV event where I had the opportunity to look over about a dozen, primarily high-end caravans. By high end, I mean that at least four of those caravans had a price tag of over $200,000 and that did not include the tow vehicle. Digressing slightly, one of the benefits of purchasing a motorhome is that it includes the engine!

A WEIGHTY TOPIC

One of the trends that was obvious was in the weight department. At least four of the manufacturers turned up with US pickup tow vehicles, either a RAM or a Chevrolet Silverado, because their caravans had an aggregate trailer mass (ATM) of over 4000kg and a tare mass that was far too close to the ubiquitous 3500kg, long the domain of tow vehicles like a Toyota LandCruiser. Is this a good thing or a bad thing? I think it's not good. Towing weights have long been a discussion point around everything from the old-fashioned campfire to any number of social media platforms. The principal problem is that many caravanners and motorhomers travel in overweight vehicles. Either the payload isn't big enough, or too much gear is being carried. The fact that a notable number of manufacturers turned up to the aforementioned event with heavy duty vehicles suggests that the caravan industry has partly given up on the concept of building lighter caravans.

It's a problem slightly less evident in the motorhome industry but still there. One of the reasons it's less obvious is to do with driver's licencing. Once a motorhome gets over a GVM of 4500kg, then a light rigid (LR) truck licence is required. Which is something that many drivers are reluctant to obtain, despite the relative ease of completing a driver training program. Because of that, motorhome manufacturers mostly bend to consumer reluctance and stay under the 4500kg GVM limit. It's not commonly understood, but truck manufacturers like Mercedes Benz and Iveco derate their chassis slightly for the same reason. It does cause a few design and payload issues to be sure, but also forces the manufacturers to consider the weight factor more so than the caravan manufacturers.

POWER PLAY

The other trend of note was the increased battery and solar panel capacity fitted to many vans. Just to float a few numbers, one manufacturer's van had a lithium battery capacity of 900Ah, a solar panel capacity of 1680W and a 3000W inverter. For those not in the know, an inverter is a device that converts 12V or 24V DC to 240V mains AC and if large enough can drive an air conditioner without a problem. Another caravan manufacturer had a 51V lithium battery rated at 7kW and 5000W inverter. They are big numbers. Apparently, the latest thing is to have enough battery capacity to run an air conditioner all day. That, along with the microwave oven and the induction cooktop.

There's no doubt that lithium batteries have been a significant factor in developing battery capacity in an RV. Likewise, the RV industry adopted solar panel technology with great alacrity when it became financially viable and has been an enormous success.

However, I wonder whether the idea of being able to run an air conditioner all day off a battery is a little too extreme. Not to mention expensive. Travelling in a caravan or motorhome is getting away in the great outdoors. That's why most RVs have awnings. Enjoying nature, taking in the many sights our country has to offer, having a Happy Hour with our neighbours, sitting around a campfire and getting away from our everyday home life.

Several years ago, a group of us toured the USA in our rental motorhomes. At many RV parks, we stayed at, one of the services offered was a 'full hook'. That is mains electricity (usually two power cables), mains water, grey water and cable/internet TV of some description. We hardly ever saw the owners of those RVs because they just stayed in their air-conditioned RVs. Our little group became something of a novelty in several parks because each afternoon, we had a Happy Hour in the time-honoured Aussie tradition. On more than one occasion, we were joined by the natives, clearly keen to join us. At one RV park, the owner was so pleased to see us use his well-laid-out barbecue/eating area facilities that he joined us for the evening!

I'm not knocking either lithium battery or solar panel development because both are good things and have much to offer the RV industry. However, the question is, when is too much more than enough? Especially when you throw in the weight factor as well. What do you think?

MPPT SOLAR CONTROLLER
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INVERTER / CHARGER
ePRO combi
DC2DC
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Battery, charger and inverter technology has certainly come a long way – this panel is a thing of technologial beauty!

CMCA DOLLAR WISE PARK NETWORK

CMCA's Dollar Wise Park Network are parks that partner with CMCA to offer members an affordable accommodation option of just $20 or less per vehicle per night (terms and conditions vary and may include self-contained requirements).

These caravan parks are identifiable in GeoWiki with a unique icon and are also listed on the CMCA website. CMCA encourages members to notify NHQ of potential Dollar Wise Parks that you come across in your travels.

Look at some of the CMCA Dollar Wise Parks around Australia.

THE SIMPSON DESERT OASIS ROADHOUSE, BEDOURIE, QLD

The Simpson Desert Oasis Roadhouse provides all the comforts for travellers heading to or from the Birdsville, Boulia and Windorah areas. Situated on the edge of the Simpson Desert and Georgina/Eyre Creek channel country, this accommodation option offers travellers the facilities they need during their travels.

As part of the CMCA Dollar Wise Park program, the Simpson Desert Oasis Roadhouse offers CMCA members parking for a low rate of $10 per vehicle per night. This rate includes access to toilets, showers, potable water, laundry facilities and the dump point. Paid wi-fi is also available, and pets on leads are permitted.

The Simpson Desert Oasis is famous for its satisfying meals and fantastic caravan park ensuites. The Oasis also provides a grocery store, fuel, tyre and mechanical repairs and a laundromat.

CHARLTON TRAVELLERS REST CARAVAN PARK, CHARLTON, VIC

Charlton Travellers Rest Caravan Park sits in the friendly river town of Charlton, a small agricultural community straddling the Avoca River.

For those looking for a low-cost accommodation option, the park offers a discounted rate of $10 per vehicle for the first night with two additional nights afterwards at no extra cost. To receive this offer, travellers must have a self-contained vehicle. Access to potable water and the dump point is included in this rate.

The park is bordered by the local swimming pool (operates seasonally), bowling club and croquet lawns, giving visitors plenty to do at the convenience of their doorstep. Home to the popular Charlton Golf Club, visitors can spend some time practicing their swing if they're looking to adventure about the town.

CMCA DOLLAR WISE PARK NETWORK

NSW

- Coolah Caravan Park, Coolah
- Murrurundi Caravan Park (Kui Parks), Murrurundi
- Reflections Holiday Park, Burrinjuck Waters
- Reflections Holiday Park, Copeton Waters
- Reflections Holiday Park, Cudgegong River
- Reflections Holiday Park, Grabine Lakeside
- Reflections Holiday Park, Lake Burrendong
- Reflections Holiday Park, Lake Glenbawn
- Reflections Holiday Park, Lake Keepit
- Reflections Holiday Park, Mookerawa Waters
- Reflections Holiday Park, Wyangala Waters
- The Old School Caravan Park, Merriwagga

NT

- Acacia Hills Caravan Park, Acacia Hills
- Coolalinga Tourist Park, Coolalinga

QLD

- Cheery Nomad RV Park & Farm Stay (Kui Park), Maryborough
- Crows Nest Caravan Park (Kui Parks), Crows Nest
- Digger Creek Motel & Van Park, El Arish
- Emerald Tourist Park, Emerald
- Hebel Caravan Park, Hebel
- Ivory Rock Caravan Park & Camping Grounds, Peak Crossing
- Jundah Caravan Park, Jundah
- Lake Callide Retreat, Dumgree
- Lake Redbrook Holiday Retreat (Kui Parks), North Isis via Childers
- Mirani Caravan Park, Mirani
- Mount Morgan Hotel and Van Park, Mount Morgan
- MyCow Caravan Park & Campground, Bakers Creek
- Nanango Caravan & Motorhome Park, Nanango
- Nanango RV Park, Nanango
- Pioneer Caravan Village, Dalby
- Simpson Desert Oasis Caravan Park, Bedourie
- Ringers Rest RV Park/Bush Camp, Mareeba

TAS

- East Beach Tourist Park, Low Head
- Somerset Beachside Cabin and Caravan Park, Somerset

VIC

- Barmah Bridge Caravan Park, Barmah
- Charlton Travellers Rest Caravan Park, Charlton
- Colac Central Caravan Park, East Colac
- Erica Caravan Park, Erica
- Lakes Bushland Caravan Park, Nicholson
- Lake Sambell Caravan Park, Beechworth
- Minyip Wetlands Caravan Park, Minyip
- Pyramid Hill Caravan Park, Pyramid Hill
- Stawell Grampians Gate Caravan Park, Stawell
- Whycheproof Caravan Park, Whycheproof

SA

- Ceduna Shelly Beach Caravan Park, Ceduna
- Coonalpyn (Soldiers Memorial) Caravan Park, Coonalpyn
- Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park, Coonawarra
- Kapunda Tourist Park, Kapunda
- Karoonda Tourist Park, Karoonda
- Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie
- Laura Community Caravan Park, Laura
- Lucindale Caravan Park, Lucindale
- Milang Lakeside Caravan Park (Kui Parks), Milang
- Millicent Hillview Caravan Park, Millicent
- Millicent Lakeside Caravan Park, Millicent
- Port Kenny Caravan Park, Port Kenny
- Snowtown Community Caravan Park, Snowtown

WA

- Boddington Caravan Park, Boddington
- Harrismith Caravan Park, Harrismith
- Kulin Caravan Park, Kulin
- Lake Navarino Holiday Park, Waroona
- Trayning Caravan Park, Trayning
- Wickepin Caravan Park, Wickepin
- Yealering Caravan Park, Yealering

WEE WAA, NSW

Wee Waa is located on the north-western slopes of the New England region in New South Wales and is situated within the Narrabri Shire. The town itself is known as the Cotton Capital of Australia and is the oldest town along the meandering length of the Namoi River.

Those visiting Wee Waa can find short-term parking at Wee Waa Showground for a fantastic rate of just $10 per vehicle per night. Potable water is also located at the showground, while the town's dump point is located at Dangar Park.

Attractions within the area include the Namoi Echo Museum, where you can learn about the history of the town through a self-guided tour. The CSIRO Australia Telescope (located at Paul Wild Observatory) is also a popular attraction for tourists as it is the largest and most powerful radio telescope in the southern hemisphere. Finally, Yarrie Lake, a 3km saucer shaped expanse of water, is also worth a visit. It is thought that the lake was formed by a falling meteorite.

Tourist/Visitor Information Centre	Namoi Echo Museum Rose Street Wee Waa 2388 NSW P: 0427 668 932 W: www.visitnarrabri.com.au
Casual Parking (near retail centre)	Dangar Park, Kamilaroi Highway; Ludawici Park, Alma Street
Short Term Parking	Wee Waa Showground $10 pvpn
Long Term Parking	Pilliga Artesian Bore Baths, (one week)
Dump Point	Dangar Park
Potable Water	Wee Waa Showground

GYMPIE, QLD

Gympie is located on the Bruce Highway, 170 kilometres north of Brisbane. Gympie became known as 'the town that saved Queensland' with the discovery of gold in 1867. The city features beautiful historic 19th century Victorian buildings, as well as manicured parks and gardens, an art gallery, and many dining options.

Visitors can find short-term parking for up to 24 hours at Two Mile Rest Area, which is approximately 5km north of town. A dump point and potable water are also available at this location. For those wishing to stay and explore the region for a little longer, parking is available for up to 48 hours at Gunalda Campground.

Gympie is an excellent base from which to explore the beautiful surrounding coastal areas of Tin Can Bay, Fraser Island, and Rainbow Beach, which is famous for its unique rainbow coloured sand cliffs. Annual events include the Gympie Music Muster which is held on the last weekend every August, the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival (May), Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival (September) and RUSH Festival (October). There's always something bound to be happening in Gympie; so what are you waiting for?

Tourist/Visitor Information Centre	Destination Gympie Region Lake Alford 24 Bruce Highway Gympie 4570 QLD P: 1800 444 222 E: tourism.info@gympie.qld.gov.au W: visitgympieregion.com.au
Casual Parking (near retail centre)	Long vehicle parking available at Jaycee Way (3 spaces in public car park); Monkland Street (1 x 4hr space); River Rd (3 x 4hr spaces) and Perserverance Street (3 x 4hr spaces)
Short Term Parking	Two Mile Rest Area, Bruce Highway, approx 5km north of Gympie (24hr)
Long Term Parking	Gunalda Campground, Bruce Highway, approx 20km north of Gympie (48hr)
Dump Point	Archery Park, Bruce Highway; Six Mile Creek Rest Area, Bruce Highway
Potable Water	Archery Park, Bruce Highway; Six Mile Creek Rest Area, Bruce Highway

RV FRIENDLY TOWNS

NSW (95)

- Aberdeen
- Adelon
- Ardlethan
- Ariah Park
- Armidale
- Ashford
- Balranald
- Barellan
- Barmedman
- Barraba
- Bathurst
- Batlow
- Bega
- Bigga
- Bingara
- Boggabri
- Branxton
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Canowindra
- Cobar
- Cobargo
- Coleambally
- Collarenebri
- Condobolin
- Coonamble
- Cootamundra
- Cowra
- Darlington Point
- Deniliquin
- Dorrigo
- Dungog
- Euston
- Finley
- Forbes
- Glen Innes
- Goodooga
- Goulburn
- Grafton
- Grenfell
- Griffith
- Gulgong
- Gundagai
- Gunnedah
- Gunning
- Guyra
- Hay
- Inverell
- Jerilderie
- Junee
- Kempsey
- Kendall
- Kurri Kurri
- Kyogle
- Lake Cargelligo
- Leeton
- Lockhart
- Lyndhurst
- Maclean
- Manildra
- Manilla
- Mathoura
- Molong
- Merriwa
- Moree
- Moulamein
- Mungindi
- Murrurundi
- Narrabri
- Narrandera
- Nyngan
- Oberon
- Orange
- Parkes
- Peak Hill
- Pooncarie
- Portland
- Scone
- Temora
- The Rock
- Tullamore
- Tumbarumba
- Ungarie
- Uralla
- Walgett
- Wallerawang
- Warialda
- Warragamba
- Warren
- Wauchope
- Weethalle
- Wee Waa
- Wingham
- Yass
- Young

QLD (78)

- Babinda
- Baralaba
- Barcaldine
- Bedourie
- Beenleigh
- Beerwah
- Biggenden
- Biloela
- Birdsville
- Blackall
- Bollon
- Boonah
- Bundaberg
- Charleville
- Childers
- Chillagoe
- Chinchilla
- Clifton
- Collinsville
- Cooktown
- Cunnamulla
- Dalby
- Dirranbandi
- Eidsvold
- Eulo
- Fernvale
- Gatton
- Gayndah
- Gin Gin
- Goomeri
- Goondiwindi
- Gordonvale
- Gympie
- Home Hill
- Hughenden
- Ingham
- Inglewood
- Isisford
- Jandowae
- Julia Creek
- Jundah
- Kilcoy
- Laidley
- Longreach
- Lowood
- Mareeba
- Maryborough
- Miles
- Millmerran
- Mirani
- Mitchell
- Monto
- Morven
- Moura
- Mt Perry
- Mundubbera
- Mungindi
- Murgon
- Nanango
- Quilpie
- Ravenshoe
- Richmond
- Rosewood
- Sapphire
- Springsure
- Tambo
- Taroom
- Texas
- Thallon
- Thargomindah
- Theodore
- Townsville
- Wandoan
- Windorah
- Winton
- Wondai
- Wyandra
- Yowah

SA (53)

- Andamooka
- Ardrossan
- Balaklava
- Barmera
- Berri
- Blanchetown
- Bolleroo Centre
- Bordertown
- Ceduna
- Cleve
- Cowell
- Crystal Brook
- Cummins
- Elliston
- Eudunda
- Frances
- Hamley Bridge
- Jamestown
- Kadina
- Kapunda
- Karoonda
- Keith
- Kimba
- Kingston SE
- Lock
- Loxton
- Lucindale
- Mannum
- Millicent
- Moonta
- Morgan
- Mt Gambier
- Murray Bridge
- Penola
- Peterborough
- Port Augusta
- Port Lincoln
- Port Neill
- Port Pirie
- Port Victoria
- Renmark
- Roxby Downs
- Saddleworth
- Snowtown
- Streaky Bay
- Swan Reach
- Tailem Bend
- Tantanoola
- Tintinara
- Tumby Bay
- Waikerie
- Wallaroo
- Whyalla

TAS (24)

- Brighton/ Pontville
- Burnie
- Campbell Town
- Deloraine
- Devonport
- East Devonport
- Fingal
- Franklin
- George Town
- Glenorchy
- Launceston
- Oatlands
- Penguin
- Railton
- Rosebery
- Scottsdale
- Sheffield
- Smithton
- Sorell
- Stanley
- St Helens
- St Mary's
- Strahan
- Ulverstone

VIC (51)

- Ararat
- Avoca
- Beaufort
- Beechworth
- Benalla
- Birchip
- Boort
- Casterton
- Charlton
- Cobram
- Cohuna
- Corryong
- Dimboola
- Donald
- Heathcote
- Heyfield
- Heywood
- Hopetoun
- Jeparit
- Kerang
- Koondrook
- Korumburra
- Kyabram
- Kyneton
- Lake Bolac
- Lockington
- Macarthur
- Maffra
- Mildura
- Murrabit
- Nathalia
- Nhill
- Numurkah
- Nyah/Nyah West
- Portland
- Pyramid Hill
- Rainbow
- Robinvale
- Rosedale
- Sea Lake
- Smythesdale
- St Arnaud
- Stawell
- Tallangatta
- Tatura
- Warracknabeal
- Wedderburn
- Willaura
- Wycheproof
- Yarram
- Yarrawonga

WA (54)

- Beacon
- Bencubbin
- Beverley
- Boddington
- Boyup Brook
- Brookton
- Bruce Rock
- Capel
- Coolgardie
- Corrigan
- Cranbrook
- Dongara
- Dowerin
- Dumbleyung
- Geraldton
- Goomalling
- Hopetoun
- Jarrahdale
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Kambalda
- Karratha
- Katanning
- Kojonup
- Kondinin
- Koorda
- Kulin
- Lake Grace
- Leonora
- Meckering
- Meekatharra
- Merredin
- Moora
- Morawa
- Mukinbudin
- Narembeen
- Narrogin
- Norseman
- Nungarin
- Perenjori
- Pingelly
- Pinjarra
- Port Hedland
- Quairading
- Ravensthorpe
- Southern Cross
- Three Springs
- Trayning
- Wagin
- Waroona
- Westonia
- Wickepin
- Wongan Hills
- Woodanilling
- York

BENALLA, VIC

Located two hours north of Melbourne and one hour south of Albury, Benalla is a regional town situated on the Broken River.

RV travellers passing through town will find short-term parking available at Jaycee Island and Benalla Showground. Jaycee Island offers parking for self-contained vehicles for up to 48 hours at no cost, and Benalla Showground offers parking for up to 48 hours for a rate of $15 per vehicle per night. A dump point, along with potable water, can be sourced at Benalla Airport.

Wander through immaculate parks and gardens, view contemporary Australian art, and discover the story of Victoria's most famous bushranger, Ned Kelly - Benalla has something for everyone. Visitors should time a trip during one of the fantastic annual events including Wall to Wall Street Art, motorsport at Winton Raceway and the Benalla Festival.

Tourist/Visitor Information Centre	14 Mair Street Benalla 3672 VIC P: 03 5762 1749 W: www.enjoybenalla.com.au
Casual Parking (near retail centre)	Lowry Place, Bridge Street W near art gallery, Bridge Street E near Aldi and Woolworths
Short Term Parking	Jaycee Island, Fawckner Drive 48hrs, self-contained vehicles only, nil charge, pets on lead, bins on site. Benalla Showground, Cecil Street 48hrs, self-contained vehicles only, $15pvpn, pets on lead, bins on site, toilets
Dump Point	Benalla Airport, Hanger Lane Lat: -36.552689, Long: 145.996896
Potable Water	Benalla Airport, Hanger Lane Not far from dump point.

RV
FRIENDLY DESTINATION

Contact Information	3149 River Road Jingellic 2642 NSW W: http://www.jingellicpub.com.au/ E: info@jingellicpub.com.au
Cost	Nil charge
Parking	Suitable for vehicles over 11m, room for up to 30 vehicles
Opening Hours	Approx 11am - 1pm daily

BRIDGE HOTEL. JINGELLIC, NSW

The Bridge Hotel is located next to the Murray River in Jingellic, a pretty little town on the New South Wales side of the river. Visitors will enjoy good old-fashioned country hospitality at one of Australia's original country pubs, while taking in incredible views of the Murray River and the Snowy Mountains.

The hotel offers RV parking for up to 30 vehicles free of charge. With ample space available, the hotel is able to accommodate those with big rigs over 11 metres in length. Dinner and lunch are available every day, and there are six beers available on tap.

The Bridge Hotel is a lovely country pub with a great atmosphere, fantastic meals and a beautifully kept campground nestled on the banks of the majestic Murray River. Jingellic is the perfect place to go fishing and try to catch a Murray cod, or canoeing is also a popular activity if you're not a keen fisherman. Across the river on the Victorian side of the border, are the nearby towns of Walwa and Tintaldra.

MOUNT MARY HOTEL, MOUNT MARY, SA

Mount Mary is a tiny town in South Australia, situated on the Theil Highway approximately 24km from Morgan. This tiny historic village was once a thriving town supported by the railway and the logging industry. Today there are only three remaining residents with the publicans of the hotel being two of them.

The Mount Mary Hotel offers unpowered sites at a cost of $9 per person per night and powered sites at a cost of $28 per vehicle per night for two people. Parking is located in a very quiet position, with shower and toilet facilities available.

Mount Mary Hotel makes for an enjoyable stopover, no matter how long or short. Enjoy the hospitality of Peter and Tracey Anderson at the hotel, while viewing all the historic memorabilia on display.

Contact Information	Mt Mary Road Mt Mary, 5374 SA P: 08 8581 0581 W: https://www.facebook.com/mtmaryhotel/
Cost	Unpwr $9pppn, pwr $28pvpn for two people
Parking	No pets, showers and toilets available
Opening Hours	N/A

THOONA PUB, THOONA, VIC

The Thoona Pub is in the heart of Thoona, a small rural village 30km from Wangaratta and 247km north-east of Melbourne. With more than 120 years of service, the pub is well known for its country hospitality, huge fresh meals, and icy cold beer.

The block at the rear of the pub is a comfortable spot to set up for the night, with a park across the road offering a barbecue and covered eating area. Travellers can stay up to 72 hours free of charge, but are encouraged to patronise the pub.

Thoona is the perfect central location to explore north-east Victoria. The Glenrowan Wine Region, Winton Wetlands, Gliding Club of Victoria, Murray River and the Winton Motor Raceway are all close by. On the third Saturday of March each year, Thoona comes alive with the Thoona Wheelie-bin Championships, an event that is not to be missed!

Contact Information	Thoona Pub 59 Sargeant Street Thoona, 3726 VIC P: 03 5765 2224
Cost	Nil
Parking	Toilets, pets on lead, c/seating, bins and barbecue facilities in park across rd. (72hrs)
Opening Hours	Open Thursday to Sunday in winter and Wednesday to Sunday in summer

RV FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS

NSW (32)

- Abermain, Abermain Bowling & Recreation Club
- Albury, SS & A Club
- Armatree, Armatree Hotel
- Black Mountain, Deano's Springwater Smoked Trout Farm
- Burren Junction, Burren Junction Bore Baths
- Cobargo, Cobargo Hotel/Motel
- Collingullie, Cross Roads Hotel
- Coolah, Coolah Sporting Club
- Coonamble, Nakadoo
- Coopernook, Coopernook Hotel
- Coutts Crossing, Coutts Crossing Tavern
- Cullendore, Cullendore High Country
- Euston Club Resort RV Park, Euston
- Glencoe, Red Lion Tavern (Glencoe Tavern)
- Glenreagh, Glenreagh Public Rec Ground
- Grafton, Hotel Motel 5
- Jingellic, Bridge Hotel
- Junee, Junee Golf Club
- Lawrence, Lawrence Tavern
- Liston, Aloomba Lavender
- Mathoura, Mathoura Bowling Club
- Moama, Rich River Golf Club Resort
- Murrumbateman, Murrumbateman Country Inn
- Nakadoo, Coonamble
- Pinnacle, Ochre Arch Farm
- Pooncarie, Pooncarie Port Pitstop
- Taree, Taree Showgrounds
- Tooleybuc, Tooleybuc Sporting Club
- Tuncurry, Tuncurry Sporties RV Park
- Wallabadah, Wallabadah Freedom Camping Area
- Wentworth, Wentworth Sporting Complex
- Willow Tree, Willow Tree Recreation Ground Freedom Camping Area

NT (1)

- Wagait Beach, Wagait Beach Supermarket

QLD (20)

- Allora, Allora Showground
- Anderleigh, Anderleigh Winery
- Bajool, Bajool Country Hotel
- Blackbutt, Blackbutt Golf Club
- Bollon, Wallam Creek Rest Area
- Brandon, Burdekin Farmstay
- Duaringa, Mackenzie Park
- Jandowae, Jandowae Golf Club
- Kingaroy, Kingsley Grove Estate
- Mackay, Pinnacle Family Hotel
- Mareeba, Ringers Rest
- Minden, Minden Retreat
- Mulgrave, Catch a Barra
- Murgon, Murgon Golf Club
- Nanango, Nanango Golf Club
- Nanango, Nanango RSL Club
- Proston, Proston District Golf Club
- Theebine, Theebine Hotel
- Tiaro, Royal Hotel
- Wyandra, Wyandra Post & General Store

SA (46)

- Alford, Alford Recreation Park
- Arno Bay, Arno Bay Hotel/Motel
- Blinman, Alpana Station
- Blyth, Blyth Town Oval Grounds
- Bower, Bower Reserve Camping Area
- Brinkworth, Brinkworth Stockyard Reserve
- Cadell, Caudo Vineyards
- Carpenter Rocks, Carpenter Rocks Recreation Reserve
- Cleve, Cleve Hotel Motel
- Coober Pedy Old Timers Mine
- Cradock, Cradock Hotel
- Crystal Brook, Bowman Park
- Farrell Flat, Farrell Flat Oval
- Georgetown, Georgetown Memorial Playground Overnight Camping Area
- Geranium, Geranium Oval
- Hallett, Hallett Recreation Area
- Iron Knob, Iron Knob Campground
- Koolunga, Bunyip Park
- Kyancutta, Polkdinney Park
- Lameroo, Lameroo RV Park
- Lochiel, Lochiel Memorial Hall
- Manna Hill, Manna Hill Hotel
- Melrose, Melrose Showgrounds
- Minnipa, Apex Park
- Mount Mary, Mount Mary Hotel
- Naracoorte, Black Cockatoo Bush Camp
- Narrung, Narrung Ferry Campsite
- Nelshaby, Lawrie Park
- Overland Corner, Overland Corner Hotel
- Owen, Owen Oval
- Parilla, Parilla Parking Bay
- Pinnaroo, Pinnaroo RV Stop
- Port Broughton, Broughton Bay RV Park
- Port MacDonnell, Cape Northumberland Camp Site
- Redhill, Ellis Street Reserve
- Robertstown, Robertstown Oval
- Spalding, Barbed Wire Pub
- St Kilda, St Kilda Adventure Park
- Tailem Bend, Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village
- Tailem Bend, Tailem Bend Football Club Oval
- Tarlee, Tarlee Recreation Ground
- Tarpeena, Tarpeena Sports Ground
- Terowie, Terowie Rail Station Yard
- Wangary, Nyroca Camp & Function Centre
- Wudinna, Wudinna Showgrounds
- Yongala, Yongala Recreation Park

TAS (7)

- Bicheno, The Pondering Frog Tearoom & RV Stop Over
- Elizabeth Town, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm
- Geeveston, Geeveston Ex Servicemen & Women's Club
- Launceston, Old Mac's Caravan & Motorhome Farm Stay
- Mole Creek, Mole Creek Hotel
- Pyengana, Pyengana Recreation Groun
- Smithton, Tall Timbers Hotel

VIC (19)

- Balmoral, Balmoral Mural Square
- Dadswells Bridge, Dadswells Bridge Motel/Hotel
- Echuca, Rotary Community Park
- Koondrook, Koondrook Wetland Reserve
- Koonoomoo, The Big Strawberry
- Lascelles, Lascelles Camping Ground
- Milawa, Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard
- Mirboo North, Café Escargot
- Moora, Moora Racecourse & Recreation Reserve
- Newstead, Newstead Racecourse & Recreation Reserve
- Nhill, Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre
- Orbost, Orbost Club Hotel
- Red Cliffs, Red Cliffs Golf Club
- Thoona, Thoona Pub
- Toolleen, Toolleen Hotel
- Tostaree, Tostaree Cottages & Tavern
- Tungamah, Tungamah Lions Park
- Woomelang, Cronomby Tanks
- Yaapeet, Yaapeet Camping Ground

WA (7)

- Donnybrook, Thomson Brook Wines
- Dumbleyung, Grande Olde Dumbleyung Inn
- Mingenew, Enanty Barn
- Nungarin, Mangowine Homestead
- Tammin, Tammin Hotel
- Varley, Varley Chicken Ranch
- Yandanooka, Yandanooka Town Hall

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Please submit your chapter events online at cmca.net.au
Ensure you have uploaded your event to the website **BEFORE**
the following dates to meet *The Wanderer* publishing deadlines:
May 2023 – 1 April 2023; June 2023 – 1 May 2023.
For the full list of the Social Events Calendar go to the CMCA website.

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19-22 **Canberra & Region Wanderers**

Oura Beach Reserve, Wagga Wagga St, Oura. Toilets only. Dogs allowed. Hosts Lynda and Brian Johns. Please advise if attending by 1 April 2023. E: ljohns@grapevine.net.au Ph: 0421 864 056 (L) or 0415 974 982 (B).

AUSTRALIA WIDE

2-12 **Aussie RV Travellers**

Aussie RV Travellers rally to be held at the Wedderburn Pioneer Caravan Park, Vic. 2-12 May 2023. All members and visitors welcome, Dogs as per CMCA rules. Contact – Joy 0427 417 690 or email wehyam@tpg.com.au.

4-9 **Highway Wanderers**

Highway Wanderers 29th Birthday Bash at Jandowae Showgrounds, 5 nights. Registration and pre-payment required and registrations close on April 20. Phone Rob for details 0417 576 970.

19-21 **Highway Wanderers**

Highway Wanderers Broken Creek Bush Camp May get together. 100 Quinn Rd Broken Ck, VIC. DP, camp kitchen, toilets, showers, pet friendly. $10pppn. Contact Joye for bookings 0438 638 067.

NSW

2-6 **Mid North Coast Magpies**

Ferndale Park, 1940 Chichester Rd, Dungog. Full amenities, river, bushwalks, lovely countryside; turn left at btm of driveway. $18/n unpwd, +$6 for pwr; Committee to collect +$5 attendance fee; Pets as per CMCA rules. Please contact Pamela Cunningham 0412 012 005 or grahamsol26@gmail.com.

3-7 **Lower Blue Mountains Wanderers**

May Meet at R.M.C, event Sat Disc Bowls, Mothers day cake. Facilities: Shower, toilets, power, water to fill tank and a Hall with kitchen. Pricing: Power p/n $20 single $25 couple. Contacts: Pres: Tom Lucas 0409 220 140. Sec: Cheryl Levinge 0414 415 076.

4-8 **Sydney Wanderers**

Dooralong Community Hall – Dooralong Road, Dooralong – Contact Neil Rhind 0488 264 239 – Hall, NO showers, M/F toilets, NO power, Medical power only, Limited tank water, NO dump point.

5-7 **North West (NSW) Ranges**

Spring Ridge Showground. Darby Road, Spring Ridge. Toilets, powered sites available. Walking distance to local Pub. Contact Kay for details. 0428 434 438.

5-7 **Clarence Valley Ramblers**

Whiporie Hall, $10pvpn. Celebrate an English Coronation CVR style. Beef and Yorkshire Pudding dinner $5pp. Email:cvrchapter@gmail.com Phone: Don on 0419 291 433. AGM will be held.

11-14 **Central Coast Wanderers**

Camping at Clarence Town. Powered sites as we are in the caravan side and not beside the river. Mother's Day breakfast if the weather is okay. Dogs okay must be kept on a lead at all times, CMCA rules. Book with Dennis 0427 536 670.

11-14 **Wagga Wagga Wanderers**

Yerong Creek Sports Ground, Cole Street Yerong Creek. Contact Gerry Cook Ph: 0438 480 107

11-15 **Blue Wrens**

Taralga Showground, Walsh Street. $22pppn power, $15pppn unpowered. Kitchen facilities. Dogs per CMCA rules. John 0408 201 190, Louise 0417 704 465.

11-15 **Eagles**

Camp Cobark 2677 Scone Road via Gloucester. Beside the river. Bookings essential. Toilets, Hot Showers. No power. Camp Kitchen. Fire Pits. Bring wood. $15 unpowered. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Visitors welcome. Contact Cyndi 0414 458 020.

12-14 **Lake Macquarie Ramblers**

Denman, at the Royal Hotel, 10 Ogilvie St. Large carpark attached to Hotel. Dogs allowed as per CMCA rules. All welcome. RSVP Rhonda lea 0400 131 619.

12–14 Macleay Valley Meanderers

Taylors Arm, Taylors Arm Road . The Pub With No Beer. Camping in recreation reserve across road from pub. Fees $5 per night.

18–22 Leisure Coast Wanderers

Yerong Creek Showground. 429km from Albion Park Rail. Power, toilets, showers, water available. Camp kitchen with wood heater. Dump point on site.

18–21 Lakelanders

Dooralong Community Reserve. 1020 Dooralong Road Dooralong NSW. Camping fees $36 per vehicle +$3 per person chapter dues. Toilets available. Pets as per CMCA Rules. Contact Rob for further details on mobile: 0408 429 870.

19–21 Hunter Coastal Wanderers

Richmond Vale Railway Museum, 262 Leggetts Dr. Disc bowls. Solos welcome. $11pp for weekend. No toilets, showers or power. Includes model train display, entry to museum. Cafe open when museum open. No access before noon on Friday. Advise President Kevin by text on 0493 132 191 if coming.

19–21 New Englanders

Coolatai Tractor Pull, Coolatai Sportsground, Wallangra Road, Coolatai NSW. Camping fee $5 per vehicle (to be collected by Tractor Pull committee). Tractor pull on Saturday and Sunday. Gold coin donation. Chapter fee $4pp for weekend. Toilets. Food stalls. Host: Ross Provis 0429 300 948.

19–21 Manning Valley Wanderers

May camp will be held at Harrington Men's Shed, Nicholson Street, Harrington 2427. Saturday Dinner will be catered for by the club. A High Tea Sunday morning will be enjoyed by everyone with a variety of food to be supplied by members. Usual outdoor games, cards, Raffles, Jaffles. Dogs CMCA rules.

25–29 Northern Rivers Robins

Woodenbong Camping, 127 Unumgar St Woodenbong NSW. Thurs 25 – Mon 29 May 2023. Undercover area, toilets, showers, $5pppn unpwr, $10pppn pwr. Markets Saturday morning. Bookings essential. Contact Beth 0428 452 740 or Marion 0416 052 953.

QLD

5–7 Brisbane Sunshine Wanderers

Dayboro Showgrounds 3512 Mt Mee Rd. Two adults powered $20/night, Two adults unpowrd $15/night. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Past members, visitors welcome on Saturday lunch, all bring a picnic lunch. Email Cristine at bswsecretary@gmail.com or ring Dale on 0411 955 936 in the evening for further details.

5–8 Thuringowa Drifters

Mystic Sands Golf Club. Access to all amenities including the swimming pool. Restaurant open for dinner some nights and for lunch every day. Happy Hour 4–6pm Friday night, raffles with the proceeds to the Rollingstone RSL. Attendance to arjay45@bigpond.com or 0417 639 594.

8–12 Rainbow Lorikeets

Lowood Showgrounds, 14 Station St. Close to town, large undercover area, toilets, showers, dogs CMCA rules. $15pvpn unpwr, $20pvpn pwr. Ph Sue 0407 173 406.

10–12 South Burnett Travellers

Toogoolawah Old Station Museum Rest Area. Turn off the Brisbane Valley Highway into Dingyarra St, and next left into Gardner St., camp area is on the RHS. Dinner at the pub on the 11th May. Hosts: Pete and Thea. Contact Thea 0488 183 484.

10–14 Capricornia Wanderers

Queensland Heritage Park, located in Biloela. This venue is a history museum. Toilets and Showers provided. Cost $10 per vehicle per night and $15 with power.

10–14 Wide Bay Wanderers

Mother's Day at Munna Creek Chapter Meeting. Unpowered sites. No water. No showers, toilets in hall. Disc Bowls, Games, Cards, Book Swap. Catered dinner Saturday night. Bookings to Nicola on 0418 773 106 or fishandstitch@gmail.com.

10–14 Wide Bay Wanderers

Chapter Meeting at Munna Creek. Sat night two-course dinner catered by Hall Committee. Usual games and activities. No power, showers or water. Toilets in hall. Bookings to Nicola 0418 773 106 or fishandstitch@gmail.com.

12–14 Rum City Ramblers

Gaeta Valley Park, 1113 Gaeta Rd, Gaeta 4671. Members usually take the Gin Gin/Mt Perry Rd turning right at Wonbah Rd. Aprox 15km or dirt can be expected. Or alternatively take the Kalpowar Rd – left off the Bruce Highway to Gaeta. Please phone Adrian on 0408 597 007 for more details.

12–15 Tropical Coast Wanderers

Wordsworth Park, Glenn Rd, Woodstock Qld. Free camp – self-contained and dog rules apply. No bookings required, but expected numbers would be appreciated. Bring a kite. Old-time dance on Saturday night, for our Members. For more info, please ring Julie on 0466 272 421.

18–21 The Suncoasters

Dayboro Showgrounds, 3512 Mt Mee Rd, Dayboro, 4521. Close to town. $20 PVPN powered. Showers, toilet. Dogs CMCA rules. HOSTS: Maryanne and Peter Nottingham Phone: 0421 698 222 or Email: the2notts@gmail.com to book.

18–21 Paradise Wanderers Gold Coast

Lowood Showgrounds, 16 Station Street, Lowood. $20pn. Dump point, pets okay, walk to town, undercover area. Contact Helen. sharp58@gmail.com for further information.

18–21 Darling Downs Drifters

Boonah Showgrounds – Power, water, showers, toilets, dump point. $23 PVPN. Please call Ken Proud – 0429 796 448 or Bob Saunders - 0408 479 900 for further information.

18–21 Logan & Moreton Ramblers

Kandanga Country Club 4 Bowling Club Road Kandanga. Toilets, Showers in the club house. Limited power. Pets as per CMCA Rules. Dinner at the Bowls Club on Friday Evening. Visit Kandanga Farm Store. Cafe using local farm produce. Visitors welcome.

19–21 Gin Gin Gypsies

Travel north out of Gin Gin for 5km (direction signs will be on the HWY) turn left and continue through the gravel pit. Please close the gate after entry and follow the station road for 1km (long) to the site.

25–28 Cassowarys

Home Hill Showgrounds – Sweet Days Hot Night Festival. First Cane Fire of Season – Entertainment food stalls. $25pn power $20pn non. Host Shirley Godfrey 0448 466 120.

25–29 South East Kookaburras

Coraki Riverside Caravan Park 81 Richmond Terrace Coraki beside river. Hotel opposite. Short walk to town. $20 power $10 unpowered. Text to Robyn 0448 072 888.

25–29 Bribie Beachcombers

Goomeri Bush Camp, 5939 Wide Bay Highway, Goomeri. Pumpkin Festival on Sunday. Water, toilets, showers, dump point. No power. $20 per couple per night, $10 per single. Dogs per CMCA rules. Contact Mark at 0439 986 621 or Karen at bribiebeachcombers@gmail.com.

26–29 Albert Valley Rovers

GOOMERI SHOWGROUNDS GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL. 46 Moore Street Goomeri 4601. Power, water, toilets, and showers. Costs $20 PVPN powered $15 PVPN unpowered. Disc Bowels, cards, board games available. Dogs as per CMCA rules Visitors welcome.

SA

4–7 Festival Wanderers

Port Vincent Foreshore Park. One of our favourite destinations by the sea. Great fish and chip shop on the seafront and a hotel within an easy walk. Fishing from the beach, breakwater or local jetty. Contact Sec. 0408 600 086.

4–7 Mount Lofty Bushies

Two Wells Football and Netball Sporting Club Oval. 43 Old Port Wakefield Rd, $5pppn, Toilets, Dump Point, Shelter, No power, Meal Footy Club.Rules as per CMCA re fires, genertors and dogs. Bookings essential: Kevin Collins 0421 052 384 or Julie Frost: 0421 594 765 email: juliefrost@adam.com.au

12–16 Peninsula Yorkeys

Discover Quorn. Special Invitation to all Chapters. Steam Train ride, Silo light show, night at the flicks, Historic buildings, Galleries, Pioneer machinery, Bush Tucker and Native gardens, Gin Distillery. Basic Toilet and showers. yorkeys70@gmail.com or 0419 031 981 for details and costs.

12–16 Whyalla & Eyre Wanderers

Joining the Peninsula Yorkeys at Quorn. Camping at the Stock Yard Arena, $5 per person per night. Toilets and Showers, no power.$10 fee per person to cover cost of community bus. Various activities happening over weekend. Contact Allan 0427 392 373 or Roy 0419 031 981.

25–29 Riverlanders

Monash Cricket Club. Madison Avenue, Private Property.

TAS

4–7 Overlanders

Ross Community Sports Club. 4-10 Park St, Ross. Large wood-heated room, kitchen, toilets. Short walk to the centre of town to bakeries, cafes, hotel and many heritage buildings. Dinner at hotel on Saturday night. $15pvpn. Contact Roz Newton 0403 156 097.

11–14 Van Demons

Parkham Hall. For information on what's on, watch our Facebook page or our newsletter. Cost is double $10pvpn or single $7pvpn. Bookings to Maureen, phone or text 0419 361 977 or email mkjones1946@gmail.com.

11–14 Blue Gum Rovers

South Arm Community Centre, 9 Calverton Pl. Level Parking and warm rooms. Meals at RSL Club available each night. Toilets, heating, water available. Pets as per CMCA rules. $8pvpn Enquiries Den 0427 171 947.

18–21 Island Wanderers

Ross Community Centre.(Badajos St.) Hall, toilets. Meat at pub. $5pppn. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Hosts Lyn and Ross 0407 003 734.

18–21 Huon Pine Pioneers

Use of Hall, barbecues, walks, shops. Large motor homes catered for, level area, pets allowed. $10 per night per van. Contact Julia Durnin 6295 1498

19–21 Dalrymple Drifters

Hagley RV Farm Stay, 62 Meander Valley Road. Bring soup to share on Friday night. Bread provided. Indoor room with huge fire. $7.50 pvpn double, $5.00 pvpn single. Hosts Rhondda and Lorraine. Contact rcattle49@gmail.com or 0438 192 992.

19–22 Tassie Shearwaters

Meander Hall for our May camp. Amenities, heating, dogs as per CMCA rules. Cost $10pppn. Enquiries to Jude 0429 126 205/ judeodoherty@gmail.com.

VIC

5–7 The Murray Darlings

Sunraysia Aeromodellers Fly-in weekend. 23rd Street, Koorlong, over 20th St. Toilets only. No power. Pet friendly on leads and not scarred of noise. Weekend of model flying. Phone Wally for more info. 0427 920 003.

8–11 Southern Explorers

Cape Clear Rec Reserve, Recreation Rd Cape Clear. 37km SW of Ballarat (via Smythesdale). Large heated hall with kitchen. Flush toilets, good parking. No showers, No power. Pets OK CMCA rules. GPS -37.791891 143.609386

9–12 Nepean Nomads

JUBILEE LAKE HOLIDAY PARK DAYLESFORD, 151 Jubilee Lake Road. Mid Week. Lovely park with Mineral Springs and great walks. Easy drive to town. Pets allowed, meeting room, camp kitchen, powered sites, on-site cafe. Please make individual bookings 03 53482186 under Nepean Nomads. Ring Maureen for more details 0428 425 728.

19–21 Shipwreck Coasters

Room, Toilets, Stove, Microwave, Heating. CMCA Dog Rules apply. Contact Pauline 0407 567 399 E: pleasantp4@gmail com

19–21 Murray Borderliners

Numurkah Showgrounds. Unpowered $10pvpn, Toilet and Showers. Close to Shops and Golf Club all within walking distance. Raffle up to $8. Contact Barrie by 12 May 0419 875 994.

19–21 Gippslanders

Foster Event Foster Bowls Club 47-53 Station Road Foster Vic 3960. $12 per unit per night (medical power) $10 pupn (no power). Host Leonie Dessent 0408 054 373

19–22 Eastern Rosellas

Grantville Rec, Reserve. 1470 Bass Hwy, Grantville. 19–21 May (3 nights) Cost $10pn. No powered sites. Toilets, no showers, full kitchen, large meeting room with aircon. Nice walks, op shop (maybe), pizza shop and cafe. Dogs okay CMCA rules. To book contact

David Kerrisk 0447 328 999.

19-5 Goulburn Valley Gypsies

Tungamah Reserve, Cnr. Middleton and Boyd Streets. Lovely site, next to river, and a short walk to the Hotel. Great tucker! Plenty of shade. Toilets.

25-28 Westernport Drifters

This weekend we are at Cardinia Rec Res from Thursday lunchtime – an old time favourite with a room, toilets , activities, walks into town, Melways 18. P 16.

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8-11 Golden Whistlers

Marrinup Bush Camp. Bush camp at Marrinup, near Dwellingup. Drop loo only. Campfire cooking – please bring wood, camp ovens and jaffle irons. Ring 0417 182 647 for more info Weekday meet.

12-14 The Batavians

Batavians invite all members to meet up to celebrate our 20th anniversary at Lynton Station, Port Gregory WA. Dinner and historic Batavians memorabilia with all the usual games and frivolity is most likely. Contact Mary marysinclair@live.com.au.

18-22 West Coast Wags

Mogumber Hall, Bindoon-Mogumber Rd, Mogumber. Pricing will be $20 per van per night – no power. Toilets and showers available. WAGS birthday weekend. Call Leanne 0417 907 751 to confirm attendance.

18-22 Western Rovers

Greenhills Inn, camping beside the Inn and over the road on Greenhills Rd approx 19km from York. Toilets, Shower ($5), barbecue if requested. No power. Expect to have a meal at the Inn. Enquiries to Stan on 0412 973 351.

JUNE

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16-19 Canberra & Region Wanderers

Holiday Haven Burrill Lake, 8 Princess Ave South, Burrill Lake. From 16-19 June 2023. Book directly with the park on 02 4444 8840. Cost is $35 powered site per night . Dogs are allowed. Dinner Saturday night TBA. Hosts Jenny and Trevor, phone 0407 313 585 or email goodhew@homemail.com.au.

NSW

1-5 Sydney Wanderers

Hawkesbury Showground – Gate 3, 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon – Contact Neil Rhind 0488 264 239 – Hall, Power, Water, Dump point, M/F toilets and showers.

2-4 North West (NSW) Ranges

Fishing Club Memorial Park. 55 Warialda Road, Pallamallawa. Flush toilets, barbecue, Riverside camping. Walking distance to Pub, excellent facilities and restaurant for meals if desired. Contact Kay for details. 0428 434 438.

4-4 Clarence Valley Ramblers

Salmon's Bush Camp, no power available. Bush toilet, camp fire, wood pizza oven. Club house with wood heater. Night movies. Email: cvrchapter@gmail.com or phone Don on 0419 291 433.

6-10 Mid North Coast Magpies

Taylors Arm Reserve, Opp. The Pub With No Beer. Camping in recreation reserve across road from pub. Fees $5 per night +$5 Chapter Attendance Fee. Pets as per CMCA rules. Contact Pamela Cunningham 0412 012 005 or grahamsol26@gmail.com.

7-11 Lower Blue Mountains Wanderers

Jun Meet at R.M.C, event Fri Disc Bowls, Sat 30th Bday shared Lunch. Facilities: Shower, toilets, power, water to fill tank and a Hall with kitchen. Pricing: Power p/n $20 single $25 couple. Contacts: Pres- Tom Lucas 0409 220 140 Sec- Cheryl Levinge 0414 415 076.

8-11 Wagga Wagga Wanderers

Brobenah Airfield, Brobenah Rd Leeton. Contact Gerry Cook. M: 0438 480 107.

8-12 Eagles

Bulga Recreation Ground. The Inlet Road. Free Camp. Toilets. No power. Bring Wood. Meals available at Tavern. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Visitors welcome. Contact Cyndi 0414 458 020.

15-19 Central Coast Wanderers

TUNCURRY NRMA C/PARK. Pets okay CMCA rules must be on leads at all times. N.B This is on the 3rd weekend as Queens/Kings birthday weekend on the 2nd weekend. Please book with Dennis on 0427 536 670.

15-19 Northern Rivers Robins

Bellingen Showground, 37 Hammond St Bellingen NSW. Thurs 15 – Mon 19 June 2023. Toilets, showers. Dogs CMCA rules. Market Saturday am. One person $15pn unpwd, $20 pn pwd. Two people $25 pn unpwd, $30 pn pwd. Bookings essential contact Beth 0428 452 740 or Marion 0416 052 953.

15-19 Leisure Coast Wanderers

Holiday Haven Lake Conjola. Lovely spot right on the lake, powered, good amenities, cover, dogs allowed under CMCA rules. Book direct with park on 4444 8830 for LCW rates. Please ring Meri on 0434 832 325.

16-18 Hunter Coastal Wanderers

Behind Victoria Hotel, Hinton, 2 Paterson St. $2pp for weekend and need to eat a meal at the pub. Toilets, no showers. Disc bowls. Solos welcome. Advise President Kevin by text on 0493 132 191 if coming.

16-18 Macleay Valley Meanderers

Ellenborough Reserve, Main Street. Council run free camping area on the banks of the Hastings River.

16-18 New Englanders

Cangai Bridge Bush Camp. Turn off Gwydir Highway onto Cangai Bridge Road. Gravel road short distance to campsite over low level bridge. Road to camp site is accessible by caravans. When leaving return same way. Large site. No facilities. Fishing allowed (Eastern Cod must be released).

29-3 Sydney Wanderers

Goulburn Showground – Gate 2, 3 Braidwood Road, Goulburn - Contact Neil Rhind 0488 264 239– Hall, Power, Water, M/F toilets and showers, Dump point.

QLD

2-4 Brisbane Sunshine Wanderers

Lake Claredon Campgrounds. Main Green Swamp Road. Bring your own water, power. Long drop toilets only. A free weekend byo water. Firewood and fire cooking gear might be an option. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Email Cristine at bswsecretary@gmail.com or ring Dale on 0411 955 936 in the evening.

5-7 South Burnett Travellers

Rocky Creek Campground, Beerwah $25 pvpn unpowered or $28 pvpn with power, toilets and showers. Hosts Jack and Alice call 0413 056 735.

5-8 Thuringowa Drifters

Herveys Range Heritage Tea Rooms. GPS 19.35373, 146.45437 – Pet friendly, meals and snacks available, table and chairs undercover, walking tracks, gift shop, toilets, grey water to ground. No power, showers, camp kitchen or dump point. Attendance to arjay45@bigpond.com or 0417 639 594.

7-11 Wide Bay Wanderers

Chapter Meeting at Childers Nature Camp. No power, but showers and plenty of toilets. Limited water. Camp Kitchen. Barbecues, firewood and pits. Fish in dam. $10pn single, $20pn couple.

7-11 Capricornia Wanderers

Rockhampton Water Ski Club, right on the Fitzroy River with toilets and showers and undercover area. A few powered sites. Cost $15 per vehicle per night, $20 with power.

8-11 Tropical Coast Wanderers

Private Bush Retreat. Travel north of Ingham, then turn into Jones Rd (on left) just before the Cardwell Range. Need to be self-contained. No power, water or dump point. CMCA rules for dogs. Camp fire. Ring Julie 0466 272 421 for further info.

9-11 Rum City Ramblers

Mungungo Pub, Gladstone/Monto Rd Mungungo. Only 13km from Monto. Access to showers and toilets in Donga. Campers are welcome. Please patronise the hotel. There are a few ways to get there. Research and pick which is best for you. For further information please contact Adrian on 0408 597 007.

12-16 Kingfishers

Join with Rainbow Lorikeets at Goombungee Showgrounds 5 Lau Street. $22pvpn power, $15pvpn unpwr. Please book with Sue 0407 173 406 one week in advance.

12-16 Rainbow Lorikeets

Goombungee Showgrounds, Lau St, close to town, use of hall. $22pvpn pwr, $15pvpn unpwr. Showers, toilets, dogs CMCA rules. Ph Sue 0407 173 406

15-18 Logan & Moreton Ramblers

Ivory Rock Camping Ground, 310 Mount Flinders Rd, Peak Crossing. Toilets, Showers, Power, Pets as per CMCA Rules. Enjoy a quiet relaxing country vista with the local wildlife. Visitors welcome.

15-18 The Suncoasters

Toogoolawah Showgrounds – 30 Ivory Creek Rd. Large flat area with power, water, toilets, showers, u/cover area. $20pvpn. Dogs CMCA rules. Walk to shops. Close to rail trail. Dinner on-site Saturday night. HOSTS: Lorraine and Graeme Hall-Watson Phone: 0427 727 416 Email: framme@bigpond.net.au.

15-18 Paradise Wanderers Gold Coast

Toogoolawah Showgrounds, $20pn. Dump point, undercover area, walk to town, pets okay. Contact helen.sharp58@gmail.com for further information.

15-19 South East Kookaburras

Blackbutt Showgrounds 23 Bowman Road Blackbutt. Close to town. Best bakery. 4 nights. powered $10 unpowered $8. Dogs CMCA rules Text Robyn 0448 072 888.

15-19 Bribie Beachcombers

Standown Park, 91 Radtke Road, Goomboorian. Power, water, showers, toilets, camp kitchen, fire pit, dump point. $30pvpn power, $25pvpn unpowered. Unpowered sites available. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Contact Mark at 0439 986 621 or Karen at bribiebeachcombers@gmail.com.

30-2 South Burnett Travellers

Nanango Showgrounds. Showers and toilets. Nanango Markets on Saturday morning. Power $22 per couple per night, $16 single. Unpwr $17 per couple per night, $10 per single. On market day dogs must be restrained at the vans and you must arrive before 10am Friday. Hosts are Allan and Wendy.

SA

1-4 Festival Wanderers

Port Wakefield Caravan Park. Will hold our mid year member meeting. Park has excellent Camp Kitchen for get-togethers and games. Town has a number of historic buildings and a hotel within an easy walk. Contact Sec. 0408 600 086.

1-4 Mount Lofty Bushies

Towitta Camp Ground, Three Chain Road, $5pppn, Toilets, Use of Clubrooms, Barbecue, No Dump point or power, Bring Firewood. Rules as per CMCA re fires, generators and dogs. Bookings essential: Kevin Collins 0421 052 384 or Julie Frost: 0421 594 765 email: juliefrost@adam.com.au

16-19 Peninsula Yorkeys

Cambrai, Meldanda campsite. Toilet, no shower or power. $5pp pn. Campfire meal (cost to be confirmed). Contact Roy on yorkeys70@gmail.com or 0419 031 981.

22-26 Riverlanders

Polish Hill – Hall.

29-2 Festival Wanderers

Big 4 Breeze Holiday Park, Pt Elliot. Right on the beautiful Horseshoe Bay. Quaint main Street with curio shops and eateries. Town used in the making of the Storm Boy films. Contact Sec. 0408 600 086.

TAS

1-4 Blue Gum Rovers

Tunnack Blue Haven Retreat, level all weather parking, warm club rooms, all conveniences, meal at Community Club Friday evening. Dogs as per CMCA rules. $8pvpn unpowered or $10pvpn with power. All enquiries to Brian or Linda 0410 997 890.

8-11 Van Demons

Veteran Car Club Rooms Turners Beach Cost is Couples $10 Singles $7 per night. For bookings phone or text Diane on 0417 053 063 or email dianelgregory@hotmail.com

8–11 **Overlanders**

Cressy Recreation Ground, 2A Macquarie Street, Cressy. Clubrooms have great heating, lovely clean toilets and a well-equipped kitchen. Dinner at the Ringwood Hotel Saturday night, the meals were lovely last visit. Oh and the bakery! Contact Roz Newton 0403 156 097, $10 PVPN double $7.50 PVPN single.

9–11 **Dalrymple Drifters**

Cressy Recreation Ground, 2 Macquarie Street. Enjoy the company of The Overlanders Chapter. Dinner at the Ringwood Hotel on Saturday night. Hosts Roz Newton and Sue Field. Contact Sue.j.field@hotmail.com or 0410 610 861.

15–18 **Huon Pine Pioneers**

South Arm Community Centre. Hall, shops, walks, fishing. Level area, large motor homes catered for. Pets allowed. $10 per night per van. Contact Billie and Arthur Fogarty 0419 657 266.

22–25 **Island Wanderers**

Bellingham Comm. Centre. Hall, toilets. Casserole night on Friday. $5pppn. Dogs as per CMCA rules. Hosts Gaye and Adrian 0418 365 100.

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2–4 **Nepean Nomads**

HEATHCOTE QUEEN MEADOW CARAVAN PARK. Barrack Street Heathcote. Powered site, camp kitchen, meeting room, dogs allowed. Please ring for individual bookings 03 5433 2304 under the Nepean Nomads. Lunch at Pub on Saturday, Market, All welcome. Call Maureen 0428 425 728 for more info.

2–5 **The Murray Darlings**

Sea Lake Caravan Park, 15 Best Street, Sea Lake. Vic. Camp kitchen, toilets, showers, laundry, dump point. Room to use. Walk to pub, club and silos. $20 power and $10 unpowered. Birthday celebrated on Saturday night at pub or club. Phone to book site 0493 578 712 or Peter for more info.

8–11 **Southern Explorers**

Muckleford Sth Old School, Yapeen Rd Muckleford Sth. Thurs 8 – Sun 11 June. 10km SW of Castlemaine on Pyrenees Hwy. Turn left into Yapeen- Muckleford Rd. Level sites, Flush toilets, No showers, No power, Dogs OK CMCA rules. GPS - 37.09777, 144.130389

14–14 **Eastern Rosellas**

Lunch get together @ Duke of Wellington Hotel (cnr Russell and Flinders St, Melbourne). Wed 14th June from 12.30noon until 2.30pm. Food a la carte and drinks at bar prices. All welcome but please advise David Kerrisk on 0447 328 999 or dkerrisk@bigpond.net.au. If you are coming.

16–18 **Shipwreck Coasters**

Hall, Showers, Toilets, Kitchen (urn, microwave, stove, toaster), heating. Contact Pauline 0407 567 399.

WA

2–4 **The Batavians**

Gutha Wildflowers. Chris chrisellery522@gmail.com invites Batavians and friends to camp at Gutha Hall. Toilets and barbecues. Dogs permitted as per CMCA Rules.

8–11 **Golden Whistlers**

Piawonning Hall. 28km NE of New Norcia. Use of hall, kitchen, toilets, showers. NO shopping facilities here. Contact 0417 182 647 for further information.

8–12 **West Coast Wags**

Talbot Hall – $15 pvpn – no power. Showers and toilets available. Friday night jaffle dinner. Shared meal Saturday night. Bring and buy table during weekend. Call Leanne 0417 907 751 to confirm attendance.

15–19 **Western Rovers**

Mogumber Hall Government Rd Mogumber. Toilets in the hall. Contact Stan 0412 973 351 for further information.

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4–8 **Mid North Coast Magpies**

Gloucester Holiday Park; $13.50/n un/pwd, $30/n pwd; pay as you enter; identify you are with Magpies; Pets as per CMCA rules. Contact Pamela Cunningham 0412 012 005 or grahamsol26@gmail.com. Bring firewood.

6–9 **Wagga Wagga Wanderers**

Yerong Creek Sports Ground. Contact Gerry Cook. M: 0438 480 107.

7–9 **Clarence Valley Ramblers**

Broadwater @ Dory's. $5pppn to Westpac Helicopter Appeal. No amenities. Campfire. Short walk to beach. Email: cvrchapter@gmail.com or phone Don on 0419 291 433.

7–9 **Macleay Valley Meanderers**

Coopernook Pub, 240 George Gibson Dr. Free camp in pub grounds for patrons. Check in at hotel on arrival.

13–17 **Leisure Coast Wanderers**

Ingenia Ulladulla. Lovely park to spend a couple of days, Walk to club, town and lots of activities in the park. Dump point on site. Bookings need to be made directly with park on 02 4453 4261 and mention Leisure Coast Wanderers. Visitors welcome but please contact Phil 0418 237 066 before arriving.

14–16 **Hunter Coastal Wanderers**

Broke, McNamara Park, Milbrodale Rd. Top section of the park. Toilets, no showers, no power. Disc bowls. Solos welcome. Pets as per CMCA rules. $2pp for weekend. Advise President, Kevin by text on 0493 132 191 if coming.

21–23 **New Englanders**

Myall Creek Hall Reserve Road Myall Creek 18km from Delungra on Bingara Road. Turn right just before bridge. Large flat site. Hall facilities include fuel and electric stoves. Toilets. $10pp for weekend. Disc bowls, cards, fellowship. Host: Ross Provis 0429 300 948.

27–31 **Northern Rivers Robins**

Glenreagh Timber Festival, 14 Bridge St. Thursday 27 – Monday 31 July 2023. Toilets, showers. Dogs CMCA rules. Festival entry to be advised. Usual camping fees are $15pppn unpowered, $25pppn powered. Booking essential. For further info contact Beth 0428 452 740 or Marion 0416 052 953

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5-9 Capricornia Wanderers

Raglan Gun Club. Great venue with outdoor covered area and comfortable indoor area, kitchen, toilets and showers. $10 per vehicle per night, $15 with power.

5-9 Cassowarys

Four night Bush Bash full of live entertainment, games, and jaffles and damper facilities available for fully self contained vehicles. $5 per person per night with a registration fee of $10.50 per person. Walk to the beach. Golf course, lawn bowls and swimming pool. Restaurant and coffee available.

7-10 Albert Valley Rovers

General meeting 2pm Saturday. Must check-in and pay caretaker on arrivalIvory Creek Road Toogoolawah. Power, water, toilets, showers. Coast $20 PNPN powered. Disc Bowls, cards, board games available Dogs as per CMCA rules Visitors Welcome. Meal Christmas party at Toogoolawah Hotel Saturday.

10-14 Rainbow Lorikeets

Widgee Showgrounds, undercover area, toilets, showers, dogs CMCA rules. Dinner Wed night. $15 pvpn unpowered, $20pvpn power. Ph Sue 0407 173 406.

12-16 Wide Bay Wanderers

Chapter Meeting at Boonooroo Bowls Club. No power, water or showers. Toilets in hall. Bookings to Nicola Jensen 0418 773 106 or fishandstitch@gmail.com.

13-17 Bribie Beachcombers

Rocky Creek Scout Camp Christmas in July, 3246 Old Gympie Road, Landsborough. $22pvpn pwr,$20pvpn unpwr. Silly Santa. Toilets, showers, water, fire pit, kitchen. Dogs per CMCA rules. Contact Mark at 0439 986 621 or Karen at bribiebeachcombers@gmail.com.

17-21 Kingfishers

Discovery Centre Ubobo, 15 McDonald Street. $10 per site unpowered $20 per site powered, Toilets, showers, drinking water, dog friendly, open fire pits, bring own wood. Power cords must be tested and tagged.

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14-17 Peninsula Yorkeys

Worlds End, Burra Creek Gorge. Very basic toilet, no power. Contact Roy on yorkeys70@gmail.com or 0419 031 981.

27-31 Riverlanders

Perponda Sporting Oval, Perponda. Hall, showers, toilets. Bookings essential. Janette Cleaver 0457 343 809 peg2legs52@hotmail.com

TAS

6-9 Blue Gum Rovers

Tunnack, level all weather parking, warm club rooms, all amenities. Our 25th birthday, past members welcome to help celebrate. Birthday cake Saturday. Meal at club Friday, Barbecue Saturday evening, $8pvpn with power, $10pvpn with no power. Dogs allowed, need numbers for meals, Phone Sue 0409 145 407.

6-9 Van Demons

Irishtown Community Centre – Christmas in Winter. Cost Double $10 Single $7 per night. Bookings contact Diane phone or text 0417 053 063 or email dianelgregory@hotmail.com.

13-16 Overlanders

Campania Cricket Club, 94 Reeve St, Campania $10 PVPN double, $7.50 PVPN single. Overlanders 18th birthday. Dinner Saturday night at Tavern. Warm clubrooms, kitchen, toilets, nice walks around town. Contact Roz 0403 156 097.

20-23 Huon Pine Pioneers

Hall, barbecues, shops, walks. Disc bowls, card games jigsaws. Pets allowed. Level area. $10 per night per van. Contact Christine and Kevin Dixon 0400 021 946.

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6-9 Southern Explorers

Clarendon Comm Centre, 6206 Midland Hwy Clarendon. 11km SE Buninyong, 10km NW Elaine. Enter at McKees Rd (no thru road), turn immediately right into rec ground driveway. Good hall, kitchen, level parking. Flush toilets, No showers, no power. Pets okay CMCA rules GPS â€" 37.703456 143.980526

10-14 Eastern Rosellas

Broken Creek, (four nights). Christmas in July theme. $10pppn. Bring cash and pay the host. No powered sites. Toilets, Showers and Dump Point available. Great Camp kitchen, Xmas Dinner and Possible Pizza night, $ value yet to be determined. Must book with Chris Holmes 0419 103 265.

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6-10 West Coast Wags

Christmas in July will be held at Cadoux Hall. Call Leanne on 0417 907 751 to confirm attendance.

20-24 Western Rovers

Koorda Caravan Park, 20 powered sites, dogs okay, Members to book and pay. Contact Stan 0412 973 351 for further information.

Members' Market

Phone: 02 4978 8788

Did you know that there's more information and photos for each of the vehicles listed here on the Members' Market page of the CMCA website?

Would you like to place an advertisement? We have two options available.

An $80 Members' Market advertisement includes:

The Wanderer – basic vehicle details, description up to 500 characters, and one (1) image for one month only.

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You can upload your Members' Market ad directly to the CMCA website. Details on how to submit your ad are available on the FAQs page at cmca.net.au

Please ensure you have submitted your ad on our website BEFORE the following dates to meet *The Wanderer* publishing deadline: May 2023 – 1 April 2023, June 2023 – 1 May 2023.

NEW SOUTH WALES

YEAR 2016 MAKE MERCEDES-BENZ MODEL Sprinter 313 CDi DESCRIPTION Automatic 2.2L Turbo diesel, Cruise control, A/Con cabin and house, Portable solar, Double bed, or two singles, TV, M'wave, 3-burner stove, Rangehood, Fridge/freezer Shower/ toilet, Hot water gas/electric, Plenty cupboards, hanging space, Table/ chairs, Hoses, LPG ga monitor, Fiamma awning five LED lights in house 12v/240v power points throughout Tyres 75% Has all bells/whistles, is a pleasure to drive, car licence. 240,000km, three months rego, $88,000 ONO, contact after 10am daily. PRICE $88,000.00 CONTACT 0457 034 309 julieclaydon4@bigpond.com N64536

YEAR 2017 MAKE Trailer MODEL tilta trailer DESCRIPTION Single Axle Tilta Trailer with minimal use and in good condition, has good tyres and LED lights plus tie downs, etc. Forced Sale. Price is $5250.00 or ONO. PRICE $5250.00 CONTACT 0438 415 222 hanni_friedl@yahoo.com.au N21533

YEAR 2010 MAKE FUSO MODEL FG84 DESCRIPTION ATW / Jacana Custom 6.5t 4x4 truck plus Suzuki Grand Vitara. Awnings all round, 310L diesel, 1200km range, 150W solar, 205L fresh water, Honda generator, TPMS, GME CB radio, onboard compressor and hoses, automatic electric step, rear camera, slide-out gas barbecue, 150L three way fridge/freezer, shower plus electric cassette toilet, gas hot water system, 2 x 9kg gas bottles, 2 x 190Ah house batteries, 100l grey water, TV plus Saturn antennae, 3-burner gas stove top, microwave, more online. PRICE $138,000.00 CONTACT 0408 202 277 chodzana@gmail.com N15236

YEAR 2013 MAKE TRAILBLAZERS RV MODEL SD75RE DESCRIPTION Slide on with optional 2016 Mazda BT50 4 x 2 Freestyle Ute. This slide on camper is in excellent condition, recently fitted with new Truma gas/electric hot water system. Camper is fully self-contained. Suitable for 2.1m tray. Includes 110L two-way fridge, 2-burner gas stovetop, new Truma HW unit, gas heating, TV/ DVD, NS Queen bed, shower, cassette toilet, 110L freshwater tank, 90L grey water tank, 2 x 3.7kg gas bottles, Electric Happijacks, plus more. See website. PRICE $32,000.00 CONTACT 0439 496 768 Del_lochrin@hotmail.com N117651

YEAR 2005 MAKE TOYOTA MODEL Coaster DESCRIPTION BB 50 4cyl 4.1L Turbo Intercooled Diesel 6 Speed manual, 168L Fridge Freezer, Webasto Diesel Heater, Truma Saphir Aircon, EW Queen bed, TV, Shower and toilet, solar, deep cycle batteries, inverter, and more. Lightning Ridge. PRICE $75,000.00 CONTACT 0418 278 263 braytown@bigpond.com N62557

YEAR 2008 MAKE VOLKSWAGEN MODEL Transporter DESCRIPTION This is a great go anywhere campervan and the perfect second vehicle. With the ability to walk through from driver seat to house area this is a magnificent all-weather camper. The "Wanderer" conversion has a double bed at the back, that converts to a bench seat with seat belts, giving the vehicle the capacity to carry four (4). The front passenger seat is converted to swivel, reversing camera fitted, and a towbar added, with an attachment to carry a cargo box. PRICE $42,500.00 CONTACT 0414 735 453 chrisandcarole@bigpond.com N81947

YEAR 2021 MAKE AVIDA MODEL Silverton DESCRIPTION As-new condition, top quality, one owner. 7.1m Mercedes 2.1L 9 speed auto turbo diesel, 10.5L/100km. 18 months old, under warranty until Oct 2024. Full bathroom, bedroom slideout with queen bed, reverse-cycle air conditioner, electric step, security screen door, reversing camera. Extras include two solar panels (300W), two house batteries and upgraded electrics for extended off-grid stays, diesel heater, filtered water at sink, faux leather upholstery to match cabin seats, upgraded rear suspension, new tyres. PRICE $175,000.00 CONTACT 0478 051 950 ian.hume@sydney.edu.au N110364

YEAR 2021 MAKE TOYOTA MODEL Hilux 1 1/2 cab DESCRIPTION Custom-built motorhome on Hilux 1 1/2 cab, 4x4. The Hilux (diesel) had GVM upgrade to 3620kg, tare weight is 2600kg (huge usable payload), 14,000km, towbar, roo bar, snorkel, offroad tyres, two rear vision cameras. Camper can be accessed internally through car cabin. Huge king bed, table folds down for third bed. Two-burner induction cook top, 130L compression fridge all powered by 1.3kw solar panels and 400A/h lithium battery, diesel room heater, internal shower, cassette toilet, many extras. PRICE $120,000.00 CONTACT 0400 347 412 rzehnder@tpg.com.au N62982

QUEENSLAND

YEAR 2020 MAKE MERCEDES-BENZ MODEL Sprinter DESCRIPTION 3 litre, V6, 7 speed automatic, High/Low range, twin batteries, 240 volt inverter, GPS, radio, USB port, UHF radio, LED driving and inside lights, reversing camera, tow bar, Warranty to 2025, speedo 34,883km. Queen sized bed, curtains, large storage space under bed, electrical flush porta-loo, twin suspension seats, stainless steel pull-out kitchen, 95 litre water tank, long range fuel tank, 75 litre pull-out fridge/freezer, wind-out awning, awning tent. Phone Tony. PRICE $146,600.00 CONTACT 0427 977 785 asirmowbray@activ8.net.au Q127393

YEAR 2011 MAKE MERCEDES-BENZ MODEL Sprinter 519 DESCRIPTION Mercedes 519 Sprinter. Long wheel base. Automatic. Professional fit-out, toilet shower, large 175L fridge freezer. Double bed with walkway on either side. Modified slider to Caravan plug door with security screen. TV. Three-burner stove with two gas cylinders. Water tank plus grey water tank. PRICE $110,000.00 CONTACT 0437 118 704 rod-zaverdinos1@bigpond.com Q56942

YEAR 2019 MAKE WINJANA RV MODEL Cattai DESCRIPTION Package Deal - Sadly selling my Winjana Cattai fifth wheeler and Mazda BT50. Van has solar, sh/tlt, vanity, washing machine, large Eva cool fridge and more. Everything needed to hop in and go. Currently sleeps two as that's all we needed. Current storage area can be converted to sleeping space. PRICE $125,000.00 CONTACT 0404 097 675 betmet1@bigpond.com Q51337

YEAR 2020 MAKE PARADISE MOTORHOMES MODEL OASIS PLATINUM OUTBACK 4x4 DESCRIPTION This ultimate motorhome is fully optioned and built on a top of the range Mercedes Sprinter 519 V6 RWD 4WD 7 speed automatic. Custom built with cafe dinette, double bed in slide-out, rear ensuite, diesel cooking and diesel combo HWS space heater. 100L water main tank, 60L drinking water. 2000W inverter, 540W solar, Enerdrive system. Long range tank, bullbar, towbar, underbody protection, 80 Ch UHF. Never used offroad, like new condition, full service history, selling due to lifestyle change. PRICE $240,000.00 CONTACT 0438 278 655 shaunjaques@gmail.com Q82131

YEAR 2021 MAKE JAYCO MODEL Optimum Limited IV 29.5 DESCRIPTION First registered 20/5/2021, Fully optioned luxury motorhome with slide out for bed and dinette. On Iveco 70c series(72-210) cab chassis. Three litre turbo diesel (156kw/470 nm torque). Eight speed auto, air bag suspension, alloy Bull bar and side steps, Hayman Reese towbar mod plates Qld. Hayman Reese electric brake control fitted. Motorhome living too much to list . Can send separate list if interested. Selling due to health issues. Light rigid license required. PRICE $245,000.00 CONTACT 0418 275 403 mccaneg@gmail.com Q91941

YEAR 2006 MAKE DRYDEN TRAILERS MODEL Isuzu Truck DESCRIPTION Time to move on. This 5th Wheel Dryden Trailer comes with one slide out, has all the bells and whistles, 3 x 12v fridges, 3 x TVs, gen set washing machine, Sat King Sat Light, Solar panels, water tanks, 2 x recliner chairs, gas stove, 3 x gas bottles, instant gas hot water, full house hold shower, all length 15.5m, full annex. Truck and trailer – both services and well maintained. PRICE $170,000.00 CONTACT 0428 191 879 garry.dryden@bigpond.com Q17275

YEAR 2019 MAKE AVIDA MODEL Esperance DESCRIPTION Very low mileage only 34,000km. This Avida Esperance is in excellent condition with 12 months rego. We purchased it with the GVM upgrade which includes the extra water tank, extra passenger seat belts, it is fitted with a bullbar and tow bar and has just recently had the ceramic coating protection applied to the whole vehicle. We have added to the Esperance Air Bags, Hydraulic Redfoot levelling legs, replaced the bed with an Adjusta Mattress. See online for more info. PRICE $220,000.00 CONTACT 0438 574 462 robpulz@gmail.com Q132821

YEAR 2007 MAKE IVECO MODEL 50C17 Dual Cab Styleside DESCRIPTION Iveco dual cab Styleside. Set up to tow 5th Wheeler complete with 7Tonne Pulrite hitch, Air brake system, UHF Radio, ECB Alloy Bullbar, Towbar, (no tongue), Custom aluminium box behind cab, Additional aluminium storage box, Jerry can holder, Reverse camera, Chrome wheel trims. We used it until recently to tow our 5th wheeler. We have since decided to purchase a new vehicle with larger GCM. Comes with RWC. Currently located in Toowoomba area. Email or call for more details. PRICE $50,000.00 CONTACT 0447 730 003 delroim@gmail.com Q62178

YEAR 2019 MAKE Isuzu MODEL FTS 4X4 DESCRIPTION 80,000km, immaculate as new. It's got everything you can think of. Boat Quintrex 2021 Topender pro 5m all accessories, 24v Minkoto etc., 90HP Yamaha, only done 15hrs, Brand new boat. Car Trailer made 2022 air brakes All certified at 6500kg. Suzuki Jimny 2018 last one made of that model, immaculate condition. Never been off road. Selling due to health reasons. Willing to separate package. PRICE $546,000.00 CONTACT 0409 067 793 iancarollukas@gmail.com Q52412

YEAR 2008 MAKE PARADISE MOTORHOMES MODEL Free Time DESCRIPTION Paradise Free Time Motorhome 2008. 26ft. Immaculate condition always stored in secure lockup when not in use. Comes with 1998 Suzuki Vitara with Ready Brute Hitch. All the mod cons, Vast TV with large screen, Air conditioned, washing machine, Generator for those free wheeling trips, large three way fridge with plenty of room for the bubbly, large Thule awning, microwave/convection oven, Queen bed with side tables, large ensuite, beautiful vehicle and smooth ride A+ condition PRICE $150,000.00 CONTACT 0429 981 216 billbarb@bigpond.com Q38351

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

YEAR 2007 MAKE WINNEBAGO MODEL Iveco DESCRIPTION Great condition, deceased estate, low kilometres, 88,418km, 23ft, 3.0 litre, 16v Motor, GVM 4495 Car License, S402 – CRS Rego, Four Berth, one Double, one Queen, Table Folds Down To Kids Bed, Built In Generator, Solar. PRICE $98,000.00 CONTACT 0402 254 124 andrew@localliquid.com.au S130479

YEAR 2015 MAKE FIAT MODEL DUCATO DESCRIPTION Excellent condition, always undercover, complete service history, suit new motorhome buyer. Features solar, bullbar, towbar, diesel heating, seat covers, tv, e-cycle rack, new never used e-bike, seperate shower and toilet, three burner gas cook top and oven, 120L fresh water tank, 40L grey water tank, 80L fridge, microwave oven, reversing camera, A/C, GPS, lots of storage space, 3000W converter, front swivel seat, two beds, fuel efficient. PRICE $145,000.00 CONTACT 0428 791 726 johnwsellentin@yahoo.com.au S99281

YEAR 2002 MAKE COASTAL MODEL Toyota Coaster Motorhome 2002 DESCRIPTION Coaster bus Converted 2018 professionally in Qld. SA reg S703 CSI 1HZ Diesel 5 speed Diesel GVM 4490kg. 2 x 65 litre fresh water tanks, 1 x 65 litre grey water tank, 1 x 20 litre drinking water tank with separate pump, 2 x 100A/h Lithium batteries (new 2022), Renogy battery management system. 12v Victron battery regulator with remote access 2 x 12v start batteries (new 11/3/21), 40 amp DC to DC Charger. 240v 5A charger, 2000W sine inverter, 3 x 150W solar panels on roof, Max fan in roof Deluxe (closes in rain), Garmin GPS, 12v/240v dometic two-door fridge. More info online. PRICE $49,990.00 CONTACT 0429 674 855 brianandann1@yahoo.com.au S128170

VICTORIA

YEAR 2007 MAKE VOLKSWAGEN MODEL LT35 DESCRIPTION Two solar panels, Two 100 amps deep cycle batteries, reverse cycle Air conditioner, 3.7L gas bottle. Three gas cookers, gas hot water, shower and toilet, TV/DVD, fridge, two rear view cameras, fly screens, Thule awning, fresh and grey water tanks, new front tyres. PRICE $38,000.00 CONTACT 0412 063 035 romekbi@optusnet.com.au V105733

YEAR 2012 MAKE SUNLINER MODEL Ford Transit DESCRIPTION One owner, car licence, service record, near new tyres, dual rear wheels, rego Nov. Full Ensuite (separate shower) 120L fresh water tank, 55L grey water, two House Batteries, Diesel Heater, Aircon, large three-way Fridge, Gas Oven/hotplates, TV, full Club lounge to take in the views with electric drop down bed over. Extra storage installed, Front swivel seats, built in barbecue, two solar panels, towbar, bike rack and cover for storage. Reluctant sellers, happy memories. PRICE $135,000.00 CONTACT 0417 383 200 tonyfay@bigpond.com V56006

YEAR 2010 MAKE WINNEBAGO (AVIDA) MODEL Esperance with Iveco chassis DESCRIPTION Esperance, Iveco chassis, 81,500km, excellent condition and many new additions, such as sound system, quad rear view system, truck and house batteries, smart tv, antenna. Was ready for our next big trip but my hubby is too ill now. Automatic, car licence, two roof solar, air conditioner, sleeps four, belts four, electric roll down bed, separate shower, toilet, basin, microwave, oven, griller, two-burner gas stove, three-way fridge freezer, plenty of storage, fresh water, grey water, black water tanks and monitors. More online. PRICE $118,000.00 CONTACT 0468 342 750 stephens6mp@gmail.com V101349

TASMANIA

YEAR 2006 MAKE IVECO MODEL Daily 50C17 DESCRIPTION Iveco Daily chassis and CI motorhomes cab over bodywork. Length 6m. Can be driven on car licence. It is set up to accommodate two people. Clean, tidy and well cared for. Two way fridge, air conditioner, 1000W inverter. Smart battery charger 15A. Diesel heater for cosy winter nights. Gas hot water and four-burner gas cooktop. Combined shower/toilet. There is a double bed over the cab and the dining table at rear can be removed to make a double bed there. Fiama roll out awning. Solar panels 2 x 100W. House batteries 2 x 100A/h. Three skylights in roof. More info online. PRICE $72,000.00 CONTACT 0468 700 457 rbonnwood@gmail.com T19034

YEAR 2008 MAKE IVECO MODEL 50C18 Winnebago Leisure Seeker DESCRIPTION Very good condition. Electric slide out creates huge amount of extra space (serviced). Double bed (new mattress), queen bed over cab. Gas stove top and oven, three-way fridge (150L), diesel heater, new microwave, new carpet, gas electric hot water, new air conditioner. Selling due to health reasons. Phone Ray for a chat on 0427296658. PRICE $105,000.00 CONTACT 0427 296 658 Aquilastar99@gmail.com T127296

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

YEAR 2011 MAKE PARADISE MOTORHOMES MODEL Inspiration Ultra MB Sprinter DESCRIPTION Beautiful vehicle, spacious interior with plenty of wardrobe, cupboard and bench space. Extremely low km, well kept and always garaged. Dual slide-outs: R=4.3m, L=4.5m E&P Hydraulic self-levelling legs. Large external storage lockers. Coupled with: 2018 Auto Suzuki Jimny Sierra Auto with Hitch N Go A-frame tow hitch. PRICE $259,500.00 CONTACT 0428 932 922 accounts@coldpower.net.au W75423

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OUT IN JUNE

Winter touring

As the cold weather kicks in, it can feel easier to put a hold on adventuring. But before you get too cozy, return in June for ideas on how to make the most of winter in Australia, and learn more about some of the best locations for star gazing, birdwatching and fishing.

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As a member of the Club, you have access to a number of fantastic Member Advantages. We have partnered with numerous retailers Australia-wide to bring our members a range of discounts and special offers on a variety of products and services.

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Boiling Billy offers an exclusive 20% discount on their wide range of Camping, Cooking, Walking and 4WD Guides, as well as a 20% discount on a one-year subscription to *Australian Geographic* magazine.*

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Jump aboard with Cruise Express and receive exclusive discounts on certain cruises and voyages.*

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Cowfish Technologies is a fresh company with big goals and a lot of determination. Evert and Jessica are specialists when it comes to internet, wi-fi and multimedia and want to make this technology available to the RV industry.

DELTAWATER SOLUTIONS

This 100% Australian family-owned company is offering an exclusive deal on their Delta RV Water Treatment System. Members receive a special price of $299, GST included (plus freight).*

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10% discount on weighing services for CMCA members when providing their CMCA Member number.*

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EMPRISE

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EXPLORE AUSTRALIA TOURS

Day tours from Melbourne with a twist! CMCA members will receive a 10% discount.

5 STAR SCOOTERS AUSTRALIA

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Participating Freedom Fuels outlets across South East QLD are offering CMCA members a discount on fuel.*

GLOBAL BALLOONING

Members can receive 20% off midweek Yarra Valley and Mansfield hot air balloon flights.

HEMA MAPS

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ILLUSIONS

Members receive a 20% discount on fares on Illusions 2 – a 12m catamaran that day sails to Hayman Island and Langford Island in the Whitsundays.*

INTERNET MOTORHOME VALUATIONS AUSTRALIA WIDE

15% off recreational vehicle, caravan and vehicle valuations for CMCA members only, with fees for RVs and vehicles starting from $149.

JUST SMART KITCHEN

JSK offers CMCA members a 10% discount on all its space-saving kitchenware (online prices).

KT INSURANCE

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100% Australian owned and family operated business, Madura Tea Estates offers CMCA members a 5% discount on their teas. They create their teas driven by innovation and creativity, focusing on environmental responsibility.

MAUI

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PC Engineering is offering CMCA members a 5% discount and free additional six months' registration (licensing) on any trailer purchased.*

PRO-MA PERFORMANCE

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QUEENSLAND MOTOR AND INTERNET VALUATIONS AUSTRALIA

Specialising in motorhome, caravan, campervan, truck, bus and car valuations, members receive a 25% discount on personalised on-site valuations, as well as internet valuations.*

Ranger Nick

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REG LINDSAY MEMORY BARN

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REIMO AUSTRALIA

CMCA members receive a 10% discount on all product purchases through their online shop or in person at their warehouse as well as on labour on all repairs and conversions.

RnR REFINISH

RnR Refinish is offering members in motorhomes and campers free headlight restoration valued at $220*, caravans half-price service valued at $220* and all members will receive 15% off all labour costs from mobile panel/paint service units covering the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Gold Coast regions.*

ROAMSAFE

Purchase a Roamsafe RV Safety Door and receive free installation in factory.

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Join Sunlover Reef Cruises and discover the real reef with a 20% discount on their Moore Reef day trip and Fitzroy Island transfers.*

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TRINITY PETROLEUM

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12 VOLT SOLUTIONS

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SHURFLO PUMPS & BREHA INDUSTRIES

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SLIM DUSTY CENTRE

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